



Sunset Caucus

## Waste Action Alert

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### Eliminate the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program

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**Program or Item Targeted:** The Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program

**One-Year Cost of Program or Item:** \$27 million was been authorized & awarded for fiscal year 2010.

**Background on Program or Item to Be Sunseted:** The Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program was authorized in the transportation bill in 2005. It was established to deal with vehicle congestion in and around our national parks and other federal lands. The program is administered by the Department of Transportation, together with the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service. Projects that this program funds include: the building of parking lots, numerous studies, a tour and shuttle bus station, the leasing on buses, etc. Eligible funding recipients include federal land management agencies (FLMAs) that manage eligible areas, including, but not limited to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Bureau of Reclamation (BR), the National Park Service (NPS), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

**Why This Program or Item Is Wasteful:** If a National Park needs additional infrastructure, these projects should be paid for out of user fees, not awarded by bureaucrats in Washington or earmarks from Congress. Since being created in 2005, this program has spent almost \$100 million on a variety of alternative transportation plans, bike paths, shuttle buses and other “alternative transportation systems.” An additional \$27 million in grants for FY2010 were just announced, and the program is currently accepting applications for fiscal year 2011 grants. At a time when all federal revenues are spent on entitlement spending plus interest on our debt, we must cut spending wherever we can. This program may be nice, but it is clearly not essential.

**MEMBER ACTION ITEM:** Rep. Todd Akin (R-MO) has introduced H.R.737, the Terminating the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program. This legislation would eliminate the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program. All RSC Members are encouraged to cosponsor H.R. 737 by contacting Justin Johnson at [justin.johnson@mail.house.gov](mailto:justin.johnson@mail.house.gov).

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