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MANCHIN SECURES \$54.3 MILLION TO COMPLETE I-79 CHAPLIN HILL GATEWAY PROJECT

Charleston, WV – Today, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, secured \$54,320,000 from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to the Monongalia County Commission to repair and rehabilitate I-79 exit 155, which serves as the primary vehicular connection from Interstate-79 and Morgantown, Star City, Granville and West Virginia University.

“I am proud to announce this \$54 million investment through the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* to complete the I-79 Chaplin Hill Gateway Project, which will create job opportunities for surrounding communities, bolster economic growth and improve safety for local travelers,” **said Senator Manchin.** “When we make smart investments in our roadways that hard-working West Virginians and small businesses rely on, we are building a better future for the state. I look forward to seeing the positive impacts of this project for years to come and, as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for resources to bolster West Virginia’s transportation systems.”

This funding is made possible through the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* and will help replace I-79 bridges over Chaplin Hill Road, reconstruct the exit 155 interchange and WB I-79 flyover, and build a pedestrian and bicycle connection between the Star City bridge and the regional rail-to-trail network.

Earlier this year, Senator Manchin sent a letter of support to U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg for federal funding to complete the I-79 Chaplin Hill Gateway Project. In addition, Senator Manchin secured \$2,000,000 for I-79 Exit 155

repairs and rehabilitation as one of the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests he secured on behalf of West Virginia through the Fiscal Year 2023 funding bill.