

Rep. Don Young's fundraising trail

When Rep. Don Young, (R-Alaska), was chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, 2001-06, he'd combine site visits to far-flung highway projects with re-election fundraisers. Some examples of these trips and the earmarks Young engineered for some of his benefactors.

Washington

2003, 2004 Fundraisers at Desert Canyon Golf Resort

Money More than \$71,000 in donations

Arkansas

2004, 2005 Fundraisers; Wal-Mart executives, PAC lobbyists give at least \$17,500

Money More than \$200,000 mostly from road builders; Young okays \$72 million for highway linking Pine Bluff and I-69; \$35 million to widen road near Wal-Mart headquarters

New York

2003-2005 Reimburses developer Robert Congel and his son, for corporate jet rides to Syracuse

Money More than \$33,000 from Congels, their families, associates; Young signs off on \$5 million in earmarks benefitting Congel's planned Destiny USA supermall

New Jersey

2003-2005 Meets with bro-business N.J. Alliance for Action

Money \$62,800 in campaign checks, mainly from road builders

Virginia

2003, 2004 Fundraisers at exclusive golf courses

Money \$240,000 in contributions mostly from backers of truck lanes on I-81; Young earmarks \$100 million for project

Florida

2005 Meets with developers, road builders in Bonita Springs seeking I-75 ramp at Coconut Rd.

Money More than \$40,000 in donations; Young earmarks \$10 million to study the ramp

Puerto Rico

2005 One-week visit

Money \$26,646 in donations; signs off on \$43.5 million in earmarks for the U.S. territory

Texas

2003-2005 Fundraisers; reimburses Houston-based Williams Bros. Construction \$4,182 for flights to Texas

Money At least \$114,000 mainly from road builders

California

2004 Young campaign reimburses road builder URS Corp. for San Jose dinner reception

Money \$34,095 in contributions

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