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After Securing \$72.5 million for local Projects in the Last Congress Alone; Tauscher Remains on Subcommittees Crucial to Bay Area Development

Washington, DC — Today, the House Committee for Transportation and Infrastructure announced the Democratic membership for the 110th Congress. Rep. Ellen Tauscher will represent the 10th Congressional District as well as the Bay Area as a whole, and remains Northern California's most senior Representative and go-to member for projects relating to transportation improvements, water, and infrastructure for Northern California. Working in the same capacity during the previous Congress (109th) Rep. Tauscher was able to secure \$72.5 million to aide in the development and completion of various local projects that benefited the region.

"As anyone who lives and works in the Bay Area is well aware, our transportation and infrastructure needs are nothing short of overwhelming. My position on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee allows me to continue working with the Department of Transportation as well as state and local governments to alleviate the problems that cause many of us to spend more time traveling to and from work than being at home with our families," noted

Rep. Tauscher. &ldquo;Working to ease congestion goes hand in hand with my commitment to provide the clean air and water that our communities deserve.&rdquo;

Rep. Tauscher will serve on the Subcommittees on Highways and Transit, Aviation, and Water Resources & Environment.

Rep. Tauscher&rsquo;s continued service on the Highways & Transit Subcommittee will allow her to influence federal transportation funding for important Bay Area and 10th Congressional District transportation projects, including the widening of Highway 4, continued planning and construction of the I-680/I-80 Interchange, and highway improvements on the I-580 corridor. Additionally, she will continue to champion more and better access to public transportation and pursue initiatives that improve the efficiency of commerce in the Bay Area. Most importantly, the assignment will allow her to work on projects which bring relief to the daily congestion which strangles the Bay Area on a daily basis.

In the coming year the Subcommittee on Aviation will start the process to reauthorize programs administered by the Federal Aviation Administration. With Oakland International Airport, San Francisco International Airport and a number of regional airports in the Bay Area, Rep. Tauscher&rsquo;s position on the Aviation Subcommittee will allow her to ensure that the next FAA reauthorization bill commits the resources necessary to ensure these airports are provided the necessary funds to ensure the safety of the flying public and the world class infrastructure needed at these busy hubs. Additionally, it will allow her to work on issues of concerns to residents who live near airports, such as traffic and noise.

On the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, Rep. Tauscher continues her roll in working with the Army Corps of Engineers on important water quality and flood control projects throughout the region. Additionally, Rep. Tauscher will use her role to continue to push the Army Corps of Engineers to further their involvement in projects devoted to strengthening levees and improving water quality in the San Francisco Bay Delta.

&ldquo;My subcommittee appointments allow me to work on many of the issues that are front and center among Bay Area concerns. As both a Congressional watchdog and advocate for improved funding, I will continue to work to improve the standard of living for Bay Area families and commuters.&rdquo; said Rep. Tauscher.

Rep. Tauscher also welcomes three new Californians to the Committee. Her friend and neighbor, freshman Representative Jerry McNerney (CA-11), as well as Rep. Doris Matsui (CA-5) and Rep. Grace Napolitano (CA-38).

In the last Congress alone, Rep. Tauscher was able to secure over \$72.5 million in federal funding for vital area improvements, including:

- \$36 million to widen Highway 4 to four lanes (in each direction) from Loveridge Road to G Street in Contra Costa County
- \$17.48 million, in collaboration with Rep. George Miller, was secured to upgrade and reconstruct the I-80/I-680/SR-12 Interchange
- \$3.2 million to upgrade Jepson Parkway at the North and South Access Gates of the Travis Air Force Base and widen Vanden Road
- \$3.12 million for construction the interchange at I-80 and Central Avenue to ease congestion in El Cerrito and Richmond
- \$2 million for construction of the I-580/Isabel Avenue interchange in Livermore
- \$2 million for reconstruction and expansion of I-580/Vasco Road Interchange, Livermore

- \$1.88 million for construction of a bus facility through the Amador Valley Transit Authority, Livermore
- \$1.6 million for planning and design of the fourth bore of Caldecott Tunnel
- \$1.6 million for construction of a Highway 4 bypass within the city of Oakley to create a pedestrian-friendly, revitalized downtown area
- \$1.6 million to extend Commerce Avenue in Concord
- \$1.25 million to construct a state-of-the-art Diablo Valley College bus transit center, Pleasant Hill
- \$800,000 to improve pedestrian and biking trails within East Bay Regional Park District

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