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**CONGRESSMAN MICA HEADS WASHINGTON FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION POLICY FORUM**

U. S. Congressman John Mica (R-FL) Chairman of the House of Representatives' Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is confirmed as the keynote luncheon speaker at the *Washington Freight Transportation Policy Forum* to be held March 29, 2011 at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, VA.

Hosted by The National Industrial Transportation League (NITL) and the Journal of Commerce (JOC) the program, topics and speakers will examine the likely future course and direction for the freight transportation industry.

Mica leads one of the largest committees in Congress with broad jurisdiction over all transportation modes. He is a strong advocate of rebuilding and improving the nation's highways, airports, rail systems, waterways and maritime transportation systems and other infrastructure in a cost effective manner that responsibly expands employment opportunities. To help achieve these goals, Mica is strongly committed to enacting a long-term reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs.

Mica has served on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee since being elected to Congress in 1992. From 2007 to 2010 he served as the Committee's Republican leader.

In reaction to Mica's acceptance to serve as the Forum's luncheon speaker, NITL President Bruce Carlton said, "we are privileged to have Chairman Mica join us for this important event. As a nationally recognized leader with extensive experience in transportation and infrastructure issues and policy, his insights on the future direction of freight transportation will be invaluable for everyone attending."

Also confirmed on the program to date are:

- The Honorable Polly Trottenberg, assistant secretary for transportation policy at the U.S. Department of Transportation
- The Honorable Daniel Elliott III, chairman of the U.S. Surface Transportation Board;
- The Honorable Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr., chairman of the U.S. Federal Maritime Commission;
- Al Engel, vice president for high speed rail of AMTRAK;
- Joshua Schank, president and CEO of the Eno Foundation;
- Jim Newsome III, president and CEO, South Carolina State Ports Authority;
- Robyn Boerstling, director for infrastructure & legal regulatory policy - National Association of Manufactures; and,
- Emil H. Frankel, director of transportation policy for the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington.

To view the preliminary program, go to: <http://www.nitl.org/2011NITLPolicyForumAgenda.pdf>. For online registration information, go to: <http://www.nitl.org>.

The NITL is an association of companies that conduct industrial and/or commercial shipping throughout the United States and internationally. Founded in 1907, the organization is one of the oldest and largest associations in the country representing some 600 member companies involved with the transport of all kinds of freight using all modes in both domestic and international commerce.

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