

Hanna in New York City at Northeast Corridor Congressional Hearing for High-Speed Rail

New York City— U.S. Rep. Richard Hanna (R-C-I-Barneveld) today is in New York City at Grand Central Station for a Congressional hearing on developing high-speed passenger rail service in the Northeast Corridor.

The Northeast Corridor is one of the nation's most valuable infrastructure assets. The hearing follows a House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee report released in October entitled "Sitting on Our Assets: The Federal Government's Misuse of Taxpayer-Owned Assets." The report includes examples of underutilized and mismanaged federal assets, and highlights rail service in the Northeast Corridor.

Hanna is Vice Chairman of the committee's largest subcommittee Highways and Transit Subcommittee.

The Committee's Chairman, U.S. Rep. John L. Mica (R-FL), is conducting today's Congressional field hearing. New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and former Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell are among the witnesses scheduled to testify. The significant need for private sector participation and resources in developing, financing, constructing and operating high-speed rail will be a point of focus at Thursday's hearing.

"I thank Mayor Bloomberg and Governor Rendell for appearing before our committee today," Hanna said. "As a steward of the Northeast Corridor, I appreciate the opportunity to hear testimony – particularly about private sector investment and competition when it comes to rail service in New York."

WITNESSES:

- **New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg**
- **Hon. Ed Rendell, Co-Chair of Building America's Future and Former Governor of Pennsylvania**

- **Mr. Thomas Hart, U.S. High Speed Rail**
- **Ms. Petra Todorovich, Business Alliance for Northeast Mobility**
- **Mr. Perry Offutt, Managing Director, Morgan Stanley**
- **Mr. Robert Scardelletti, International President, Transportation Communications International Union**

Following the hearing, Members of the Committee and representatives of the **U.S. Department of Transportation, Amtrak, Northeast Corridor State governments, the financial sector, and rail labor** will continue the discussion in a roundtable meeting. This meeting is scheduled for **1:00 PM to 2:30 PM in the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board Room, Grand Central Terminal**

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