Select Members will participate in House-Senate conference for longer-term extension

WASHINGTON, D.C. – **U.S. Rep. Richard Hanna (NY-24)** today was tapped to be part of the House-Senate Conference Committee to determine highway funding, House Speaker John Boehner announced early this evening.

Hanna, who is Vice Chairman of Highways and Transit Subcommittee on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, owned and operated a successful construction business in upstate New York for more than 30 years.

Hanna's real world experience is invaluable and part of the reason he was recommended to be a conferee, Transportation Committee Chairman John Mica said. **Chairman Mica introduced Hanna as "one of our star new members of the committee" before Hanna spoke this afternoon on the House Floor about the long-term transportation proposal.**

"I'm pleased to be selected to work on this committee and represent New York," Hanna said. "The House of Representatives has developed some of the strongest transportation policy reforms in decades. I look forward to working with the Senate to ensure good ideas from both sides are included in a final bill that will modernize Upstate roads and bridges and put folks back to work."

The Senate last month, passed a two-year, $109 billion transportation bill. The House has worked to pass a five-year bill to provide greater certainty to states and contractors, and recently approved an extension in order to facilitate a conference with the Senate.