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BISHOP NAMED TO POWERFUL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Congressman Will Work to Reduce Congestion and Improve Safety on Long Island

Washington, DC— Amid intense competition, Congressman Tim Bishop (NY-01) today secured a seat on the powerful Transportation and Infrastructure Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Transportation Committee has jurisdiction over civil aviation, maritime law, ground transportation, water resources development, water resources conservation and management and hazardous waste clean up.

“It is essential that we reduce traffic congestion to improve the quality of life on Long Island,” Bishop said. “Every minute stuck in traffic during a long commute is one less minute that we are able to spend with our families. I look forward to working with my friends in state and local government to implement a long-term transportation vision that ensures that our communities are livable and that our local economy remains an economic engine for the region and the rest of the nation.”

As a member of the Committee, Bishop plans to continue his efforts to empower communities to protect open space and reduce traffic congestion by increasing access to public transportation. Bishop will also work to increase access to recreational opportunities, such as bike paths and walking trails.

Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) will chair the committee, and Rep. James Oberstar (D-Minnesota) will serve as the ranking Democratic member on the committee.

In the coming weeks and months, Bishop and other members of the committee will begin work on the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), where Bishop will work to ensure that Long Island taxpayers receive their fair share of federal highway funding dollars. TEA-21 is the legislation that authorizes the level of federal funding for federal highway, highway safety and transit programs.

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