

WASHINGTON – Yesterday, Congressman Earl Blumenauer (OR-3) was named to the Conference Committee on the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill (H.R.4348 and S.1813). Congressman Blumenauer was the only Democratic Representative from the House Ways and Means Committee designated as a conferee.

Congressman Blumenauer is uniquely positioned to serve on the Conference Committee and represent public interests in the bill as he was a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for eleven years, and is a current member of the Ways and Means Committee, on which he has served for six years. He has been a lifelong, and leading, advocate for progressive transportation policies, building a nationwide coalition of transportation advocates who have helped push a progressive agenda at the national level.

“I am pleased and honored to be designated for this position by Leader Pelosi and Ranking Member Levin,” said Blumenauer. “I appreciate their confidence in the work that I have been doing on the Ways and Means Committee to promote investment in infrastructure and America’s future.

“My sincere hope is this will be a meaningful conference that marks the start of genuine progress on infrastructure during the 112th Congress. Having worked on infrastructure finance in Congress and across the country for years, I look forward to the opportunity to be a voice for sound infrastructure financing and transportation policy.

“Over the coming weeks, I look forward to many constructive conversations with my colleagues, constituents, and transportation advocates as I take advantage of this opportunity.”