

## Mahoney Brings Transportation Chairman Oberstar to Highlight Region's Critical Infrastructure Need

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10:30-11:30am      Charlotte County Airport Visit

2800 A-1 Airport Rd, Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Elected officials, the Airport Authority, Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Councils and business stakeholders will discuss the essential infrastructure needs of regional airports with the Congressmen.

12:30-1:30pm      Caloosahatchee River Discussion

Hendry House, 412 Fraser St, LaBelle, FL

Roundtable discussion about the importance of restoring the Caloosahatchee River as part of comprehensive Everglades restoration. The Congressmen will hear from representatives from: Water Management (SFWMD), Agriculture, Environmental, Business and County Government.

1:45-2:15 pm      Tour of Lake Okeechobee and Herbert Hoover Dike

Representative Mahoney and Army Corps of Engineers Col. Grosskruger will fly with Chairman Oberstar Okeechobee and the Herbert Hoover Dike to see critical infrastructure projects that will help the environment and the region's economy.

2:30-3:30pm

Indian Street Bridge Briefing

Stuart, FL

Representatives Mahoney and Oberstar will meet with community and business leaders and hear a presentation about the importance of the Indian Street Bridge from Martin County elected officials.

Since taking office last year, Congressman Mahoney has fought to make infrastructure projects in his district a federal funding priority. Congressman Mahoney believes that these projects will help protect the region's environment while creating the infrastructure necessary to rebuild Florida's economy.

Representative Oberstar serves as the Chairman on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, which has jurisdiction over all modes of transportation and other aspects of our national infrastructure, such as clean water and waste management, the transport of resources by pipeline, flood damage reduction, the economic development of depressed rural and urban areas, disaster preparedness and response. The Committee focuses on how communities across the United States are connected to one another, how infrastructure affects the growth and flow of commerce at home and abroad, and how an effective government can improve the lives of its citizens.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, with 75 Members, is currently the largest committee in Congress. Its six subcommittees include: Aviation; Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation; Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management; Highways and Transit; Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials; and Water Resources and Environment. For more information on the Committee, please visit: <http://transportation.house.gov/>

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