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Straus appointed Chairman of Joint Committee on Transportation

Boston, MA: Representative William M. Straus (D-Mattapoisett) has been appointed by the House Democratic Caucus as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Transportation at the State House and will leave his current post as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, effective immediately. Representative Straus will replace former Joint Committee on Transportation Chairman Joseph Wagner (D-Chicopee).

Taking the helm of the Transportation Committee on Beacon Hill will put Representative Straus in a strong position regarding several pending transportation initiatives important to the Southcoast including commuter rail and chapter 90 road funding.

"I am honored to serve in this leadership position and welcome the challenge of overseeing legislation to repair and improve the state's transportation systems" said Straus. "In addition, I look forward to exploring and promoting the opportunities of our state's airports and ocean port facilities, including those in the Southcoast. The prospect of conveniently and directly connecting South Coast commuters to the Boston area has been an issue of great importance to my district and the surrounding region."