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| **House Committee Creates Special Panel To Examine Freight Transportation Issues**This morning, the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Bill Shuster (R-PA) and Ranking Member Nick Rahall (D-WV) announced the creation of a special panel to examine freight transportation issues facing our nation. The panel, among other issues, will be tasked with examining how freight transportation enhancements can positively impact the overall U.S. economy. Among the eleven members named to the panel, two are from the State of California: Congresswoman Janice Hahn (D-44) and Gary Miller (R-31). A press release issued by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee included the following quote from Chairman Shuster about the creation of the special panel, “Given that freight transportation cuts across many modes, this panel will play a critical role in providing recommendations on how to improve the efficient movement of goods between highways, ports, inland waterways, railroads, air carriers, and pipelines.”  The special panel will be chaired by Congressman John Duncan (R-TN) and its ranking member will be Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY). We look forward to providing information to this special panel, including to Congresswoman Hahn and Congressman Miller, on the critical role Los Angeles County plays in our nation’s freight transportation system. The special panel is expected to hold its first hearing on April 24, 2013. |
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