

Washington -

Congressman Lee Terry today announced Rep. John Mica (R-FL), Chairman of the influential House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, will be touring areas of Omaha affected by the flooding of the Missouri River this Saturday. Terry invited Chairman Mica to tour Omaha in July.

Terry and Mica will receive a briefing from the Army Corps of Engineers, the Iowa Department of Roads, Eppley Airport Officials, and officials from Union Pacific, as well as a visual tour of the levees surrounding Eppley Airfield. Rep. Tom Latham (R-IA) and Omaha Mayor Jim Suttle are also expected to participate in the tour.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee holds jurisdiction over aviation, waterborne transportation, roads, bridges, and railroads. Mica's committee also oversees other aspects of our national infrastructure, such as clean water and waste water management, flood damage reduction, disaster preparedness and response, and activities of the Army Corps of Engineers.

"My own district and many others have experienced substantial disruptions in commerce, damaged infrastructure, and flooded farmland. It is likely that our region of the country will be forced to deal with the damage this flooding has caused for quite some time. This visit will allow Chairman Mica a firsthand briefing of the transportation challenges this flooding has caused," Terry said.