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### **Chairman Eldrin Bell Appointed Vice Chairman of NACo's Transportation Committee**

Jonesboro, GA- National Association of Counties (NACo) President Lenny Eliason recently reappointed Clayton County Board of Commissioners Chairman Eldrin Bell as vice chairman of NACo's Transportation Steering Committee for 2011-2012. In Bell's role as vice chairman he will work to help shape federal policies affecting local governments.

Eliason, an Athens County, Ohio commissioner, made his policy committee leadership appointments shortly after being installed as NACo President during NACo's 76th Annual Conference and Exposition, July 15-19, in Multnomah County/Portland, OR.

"I consider it a high honor to be appointed as vice chairman of the Transportation Steering Committee. It is very important to the recovery of our economy and to the quality of life in our communities' nation-wide that we speak as one voice before our Congressional representatives and our President," said Bell. "I feel that NACo is the best platform in which to launch our unified message and as vice chairman of the steering committee, trust that we will take every opportunity to partner with other organizations on both a local and national level to help further communicate our transportation issues."

The Transportation Steering Committee is responsible for NACo policy development on all matters pertaining to comprehensive transportation planning; rights of way; highway finance and safety; public transit development and finance; airport development; railroads; waterways; research and development of new modes of transportation.

NACo's steering committees annually review and make recommendations to the NACo Board of Directors on public policy issues and federal legislation. The policy development process initiated by the steering committees leads to the publication of the American County Platform, which NACo uses to deliver the county government message to the administration, Congress, and the American people.

Bell has been active in NACo since 2005. He also serves as a member of NACo's Large Urban County Caucus Steering Committee. More information about NACo and the American County Platform is available at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org).

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