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Speaking before the National Retail Federation's annual conference in Washington, DC this morning, U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta unveiled a new plan to reduce congestion plaguing America's roads, rails, and airports. The National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Network includes a number of initiatives designed to reduce transportation congestion which, according to experts, is costing America an estimated \$200 billion per year (\$10 billion in the greater Los Angeles area alone). The strategy document includes a six-point plan that would, according to its authors, reduce congestion in the short term and build the foundation for successful longer-term congestion reduction efforts. Among the six points are plans to allow private sector investment in the construction, ownership and operation of transportation infrastructure and an initiative to expand the Department of Transportation's existing Gateway Team in Southern California into a larger Intermodal Hot Spot Team that would focus on long term transportation solutions. A PDF copy of Secretary Mineta's National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Network has been attached for your review.

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