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The 2006 Mobility 21 Summit was held today at the Sheraton Universal in Universal City. Approximately 400 people attended the conference representing private companies, local governments, and transit agencies. Joining me on the list of General Session speakers were U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, California Transportation Commission Executive Director John Barna, Chair Gloria Molina, Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce President Gary Toebben, and the Automobile Club of Southern California's Managing Director of Public Policy, Dan Beal. Directors O'Connor, Failing, Fleming and Najarian were also in attendance.

Three concurrent breakout sessions on the topics of SAFETEA-LU, state transportation infrastructure funding and public, private partnerships incorporated additional speakers including U.S. Senator Sheldon Killpack (Utah), State Senator Alan Lowenthal, State Assemblyman Pedro Nava, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Wendy Greuel, PB Consult President Mortimer Downey III, Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller & Naylor, LLP Partner Bob Naylor, Majestic Realty Company Senior Vice President Fran Inman, HNTB Corporation Senior Vice President Jack Finn, Nossaman, Gunther, Knox & Elliott Partner Nancy Smith, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Deputy Director for Washington, D.C. Eric Swedlund, and Macquarie North America Ltd. Executive Robert Van Belle.

Senator Boxer was joined by Senate President Pro Tem Perata, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, Mayor Villaraigosa, Chair Molina, Directors Yaroslavsky and O'Connor and other key officials at a news conference mid-way through the summit to discuss solutions to Southern California's traffic issues and the importance of both Propositions 1A and 1B on the November ballot. Stories may

appear later this afternoon and tomorrow.

During lunch, I had the honor of presenting this year's Julian C. Dixon Award to Majestic Realty Company. This award honors an individual or organization that has improved mobility in Los Angeles County through great vision and leadership.

Media Relations issued a [news release](#) regarding the summit this afternoon. A separate release was also issued announcing this year's Julian C. Dixon Award winner.

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