

Mobility 21: November Event to Examine Transportation in LA

(Nov. 1, 2002) How can Los Angeles County move cars, trucks, buses, airplanes, trains, ships – and people – more efficiently? How much will it cost? And where will the money come from?

These and many other issues will be at the center of Mobility 21: LA County Moving Together – a transportation summit to be jointly presented, Nov. 18, by MTA and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in downtown LA.

“The idea is to build a countywide coalition to band together and decide what are the real issues facing transportation in Los Angeles,” says CEO Roger Snoble. “Their recommendations will be presented in Sacramento in February and in Washington next April.”

At what officials hope will become an annual event, Mobility 21 will draw together transportation and business executives, civic leaders, federal, state and local officials, and community activists. The summit's 600 seats already are being filled.

During the daylong session, summit participants will look for ways to address the county's transportation problems. The formal recommendations they develop will become the basis for action in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento.

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Faced with the projection that the county will grow by 30 percent to 13 million people in the next 25 years, Mobility 21 participants will work together in seven breakout groups to consider such issues as:

- Finding more efficient ways to move goods,
- How to secure more transportation funding,
- Land use and smart growth,
- How to develop a transportation coalition,
- How to get people out of their cars,
- Better ground access to airports and the



- Role of streets and highways in mobility.

The results and recommendations from the breakout sessions will be presented at the closing session and to Los Angeles County's federal and state delegations. An evening reception honoring California's U.S. senators will follow.

Mobility 21 is open to members of the public. The registration fee is \$99, if received before Nov. 8, or \$125 thereafter. The summit includes an Expo for transportation-related businesses and organizations.

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