



Mobility 21 to Forge Transportation Consensus

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(Nov. 15, 2002) In a first for Los Angeles County, MTA and the LA Area Chamber of Commerce are spearheading a summit on transportation, Nov. 18, aimed at forging consensus among leaders in the public and private sectors on workable solutions to the region's crushing traffic congestion. [See: metro.net report Nov. 1: Mobility 21](#)

The gathering of elected officials, transportation providers, business, labor, academic and community leaders at the Wilshire Grand Hotel is titled *Mobility 21: LA County Moving Together*.

"We know all too well the source of most of our transportation problems, but, historically, reaching agreement on how best to solve these issues has not been so easy," said MTA Board Chairman Hal Bernson. "Our aim is to break through the barriers that have plagued us in the past and also to create a coalition that will speak with a strong unified voice when it goes to Sacramento and Washington, D.C. in search of much-needed transportation funding."

In addition to MTA and the Chamber of Commerce, participating agencies and companies will include the Federal Transit Administration, United Parcel Service, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, California Trucking Association, Surface Transit Project, Caltrans, Air Transport Association, Automobile Club of Southern California, United Western Grocers Association.

"We have arrived at the point where a shared vision about our future is imperative if we are to deal effectively with the projected population growth and demands on our infrastructure," said CEO Roger Snoble. "The population of Los Angeles County, alone, will grow by another 2.7 million people by 2025 which means the actions we take today are critical to sustaining a good quality of life into the future."

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