



- Mobility 21 Summit is Monday, Nov. 17, 2003
- Westin Bonaventure Hotel, 404 South Figueroa St.
- 8:30 a.m. > Opening keynote speakers
- 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. > Concurrent breakout sessions
- 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. > Lunch and legislative panel
- 1:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. > Breakout sessions/closing remarks

MTA, Chamber, Auto Club to Call for United Effort to Secure Transportation Funding

By CLAUDIA KEITH

(Nov. 14, 2003) Traffic congestion and transportation funding will be the focus of the day, Nov. 17, when MTA and the LA Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Automobile Club of Southern California, host the second annual Mobility 21 transportation summit.

The summit is aimed at bringing together leaders in the public and private sectors to develop solutions to the region's traffic woes. More than 500 attended the 2002 Mobility 21 summit, approving resolutions on land use, public transit, streets and highways, transportation financing and other topics.

Discussion topics

A wide range of topics will be discussed in breakout sessions. These include NIMBYs (Not In My Backyard) and building support for projects, creative local funding ideas, cutting red tape for faster projects, balancing growth and development, building transit through partnerships, getting to and from the airport, and goods movement.

"We face some big challenges ahead that will impact the future of our transportation system," said CEO Roger Snoble. "There will be stiff competition for funding of projects and the coalition will need to show that we are united in achieving a shared vision for Los Angeles County."

Keynote speaker for the opening session will be Jim Parker, vice chairman and CEO of Southwest Airlines, one of the country's leading customer-oriented airlines. Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Oregon), a strong proponent of liveable communities and a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, will keynote the afternoon session.

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