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Does L.A.
Traffic
Hinder
Competition
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Markets?



• Annual conference set Nov. 14 at Long Beach Convention Center

By CLAUDIA KEITH

(Oct. 6, 2005) What is transportation's role in the global economy and how does LA's traffic congestion affect Southern California's ability to compete in world markets?

Those are two of many important questions to be addressed at the fourth annual Mobility 21 transportation conference, Nov. 14, at the Long Beach Convention Center.

The conference, scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., will focus on identifying practical solutions to the region's traffic congestion problems.

Presented by Metro and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Automobile Club of Southern California, this year's forum also will explore the safety of LA's transportation infrastructure, as related to homeland security, and traffic congestion's affect on the area's quality of life.

For the past three years, members of the broad-based Mobility 21 coalition have been traveling to Sacramento and Washington, D.C., to present a unified lobbying front to garner additional transportation funding for the region.



CEO Roger Snoble addresses third annual Mobility 21 transportation summit held Aug. 3, 2004, at the Hilton Burbank Airport and Convention Center. More than 500 government, business, labor and community leaders attended and supported recommendations aimed at improving the region's transportation infrastructure.

Mobility 21 in Washington

This year, the coalition's efforts were rewarded when they were credited with helping to secure an estimated \$4.5 billion in federal funding for highway and transit programs for Los Angeles County. That includes \$833 million in additional earmarks for highway and transit formula funds programmed by Metro.

In addition, the new federal dollars will give a boost to Los Angeles' "Top Ten Traffic Busters," a series of high-priority projects identified by Mobility 21 at last year's summit as crucial to alleviating the region's traffic congestion.

The traffic-busting projects include the expansion of light rail lines, addition of carpool lanes, improvement to streets and highways, as well as improvements to key corridors to facilitate the movement of goods.

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