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Aim is to avert gridlock; secure fair share of funding

MTA, L.A. AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GEARING UP FOR REGION'S FIRST-EVER TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT NOV. 18

- WHAT:** Key Congressional, state and local elected officials will join MTA, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and Auto Club executives at a press conference to discuss an action plan for making sure people and goods can move freely in L.A. County.
- WHEN:** Monday Nov. 18, 2002 10 a.m.
- WHERE:** Wilshire Grand Hotel, downtown Los Angeles
930 Wilshire Blvd. (at Figueroa St.) Thomas Guide 634 E-4
(Verdugo/Del Mar Room)
- WHO:** Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard
Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald
Maria Contreras-Sweet, California Secretary of Business,
Transportation and Housing
Assembly Speaker Emeritus Robert Hertzberg
L.A. City Councilman & MTA Board Chairman Hal Bernson
Roger Snoble, MTA CEO
Rusty Hammer, President & CEO, L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce
Tom McKernan, president and CEO Automobile Club of SoCA

SUMMIT DETAILS: MTA and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce will co-host the L.A. region's first-ever summit on transportation. In the wake of projections of a near 30 percent growth in the county's population by 2025 and the resulting strain on the region's streets and highways – already the most congested in the nation – *Mobility 21: LA County Moving Together* is aimed at generating consensus among public and private sector leaders on workable solutions to that growth and fostering a stronger lobbying effort in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., to secure Los Angeles County's fair share of transportation funding. County residents and businesses each year send \$1.2 billion a year to Sacramento and Washington but get back only \$1 billion in transportation funds – a \$200 million gap.

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