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STATEMENT BY METRO CEO ROGER SNOBLE

Re: Reaction to Texas Transportation Institute's Traffic Congestion Report

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The Texas Transportation Institute's congestion report released this morning is a strong validation of the multi-pronged approach Metro has taken to relieve traffic congestion in Los Angeles County. While the Los Angeles region remains the nation's most congested, we also rank number one in terms of operational improvements that squeeze more capacity out of our streets and highways and number three in savings as a result of our public transportation.

On the operational front, Metro operates the Metro Freeway Service Patrol and funds a vast array of programs such as freeway ramp metering, carpool lanes, plus traffic signalization, intersection improvements and other efforts to ease traffic on surface streets. These, alone, save drivers an estimated 57 million hours of delay annually and more than \$1 billion. Moreover, Metro funds construction of carpool lanes and funds vanpool and other rideshare programs.

More than 1.5 million boarding passengers opt for improved bus and rail service in Los Angeles County on an average weekday and that cuts more than 28 million hours of travel delays for an annual savings of \$459 million.

Clearly, this comprehensive approach is effective. We just need to do more. Hopefully, lawmakers in Sacramento and Washington will be jarred in to action by the congestion report, recognize the economic toll traffic takes and how investment in operational improvements, public transportation and other rideshare programs can and is making a substantial difference in Los Angeles County.

Information: [TTI 2007 Annual Urban Mobility Report](#)

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● **Editors Note:** Metro CEO Roger Snoble is available for interviews. Please call Metro Media Relations at (213) 922-2707/922-2700.