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### **Congressional Leader Urges Funding for Transportation Infrastructure in Second Stimulus Package**

Today, the chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, James Oberstar (D-MN) encouraged Congressional leaders to include funding for transportation infrastructure projects when, as expected, the House and Senate consider a second economic stimulus package later this year. Oberstar had attempted, but ultimately failed, to include funding for transportation projects in the current economic stimulus package being considered this week on Capitol Hill. According to news reports, Oberstar is laying the groundwork for a \$15 billion baseline package that could have 2,600 transportation projects ready to go in 90 days. We will work closely with Chairman Oberstar's staff to learn more about his plans for any future economic stimulus measure.

### **Meeting of Transit Operators Held to Discuss State Zero Emission Bus Requirements**

Today, our Vehicle Technology and Support Department hosted a regional meeting of Transit Operators, CalStart, and AQMD to discuss the upcoming State ZEB (Zero Emission Bus) requirements that all Transit Operators must deal with in the next few years. Transit Operators that joined us in this meeting included Sun Line, Foothill, Riverside, and OCTA. We discussed various technology advancement challenges and possible funding opportunities at the Regional, State and Federal level. CalStart will work closely with the FTA and the regional transit users group to explore zero emission bus technologies and alternative technology advancements. The next meeting is scheduled for this spring and will be held at Sun Line Transit in Palm Springs.

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