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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 cohost 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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