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MTA, LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TARGET TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT REGION'S FIRST TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

In a first for Los Angeles County, MTA and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce are spearheading a summit on transportation aimed at forging consensus among leaders in the public and private sectors on workable solutions to the region's crushing traffic congestion. The Nov. 18, 2002 gathering of elected officials, transportation providers, business, labor, academic and community leaders at downtown L.A.'s Wilshire Grand Hotel is titled *Mobility 21: LA County Moving Together*.

"We know all too well the source of most of our transportation problems, but, historically, reaching agreement on how best to solve these issues has not been so easy," said Hal Bernson, Los Angeles City Councilman and MTA Board Chairman. "Our aim is to break through the barriers that have plagued us in the past and also to create a coalition that will speak with a strong unified voice when it goes to Sacramento and Washington, D.C. in search of much-needed transportation funding."

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