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MOBILITY 21 WORKS WITH LEGISLATORS TO ENSURE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR TRAIN SAFETY TECHNOLOGY IN FY2010 TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Southern California Public/Private Transportation Coalition Thanks California's U.S. Senators Feinstein and Boxer and Representative Lucile Roybal-Allard and House Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman John Olver for Championing Critical Rail Funding

LOS ANGELES, CA – Mobility 21, the leading Southern California transportation coalition, today thanked California's U.S. Senators Feinstein and Boxer, Congresswoman Lucile Roybal-Allard and THUD Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman John Olver for their leadership on behalf of the region's efforts to secure funding for positive train control (PTC).

The House Transportation Appropriations bill provided additional funds for the Federal Railroad Administration's research and development account that can be used to fund PTC systems. The Senate Transportation Appropriations Committee provided the first installment of \$50 million for FY 2010 as part of a total of \$250 million authorized in the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008.

Mobility 21 Coalition representatives traveled to Washington, DC July 20-22 to advocate on behalf of Southern California for several key transportation initiatives. Trip participants included Mobility 21 Executive Director Marnie O'Brien Primmer and representatives from Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

"During our meetings with the Congressional and Senate members, Mobility 21 made the case for ensuring our region's access to funds for PTC projects," said Mobility 21 Chairman, Art Leahy.

After meeting with Mobility 21, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-Los Angeles), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, took a leadership position and supported increased funding for a key railroad program with the intent to fund anti-collision technologies.

"Leadership and courage is what it takes these days to get the necessary funding for an investment like PTC," said Leahy. "All of Southern California is thankful for Congresswoman Roybal-Allard and Senators Feinstein and Boxer for their leadership. Having them fight for the PTC funding is very important to all of Southern California's goods movement and passenger rail systems."

Several other local delegation offices were also supportive in this success including: Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Pasadena), Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Corona), Rep. Laura Richardson (D-Long Beach) and Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-Los Angeles).

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There are still additional hurdles getting PTC installed in our regional commuter rail lines by 2015 as mandated by the Rail Safety Improvement Act 2008. Mobility 21 will continue working with our Congressional delegation to make sure that PTC funding is directed to Southern California.

Mobility 21 is a five county coalition bringing together business, civic and public sector leaders to advocate for increased investment in southern California's transportation network. More information on Mobility 21 is available at www.mobility21.com.

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