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L.A. AREA CHAMBER APPLAUDS GOVERNOR’S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE STATE’S GOODS MOVEMENT

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s plan to address congestion and expansion of the state’s goods movement infrastructure

January 16, 2006 (Los Angeles) – The L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce applauds the release of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s Goods Movement Action Plan, which is the right step in improving the state’s goods movement infrastructure.

“The governor’s plan is an important part in helping fix the state’s goods movement infrastructure—from congestion to expansion needs,” said Chamber President & CEO Gary Toebben. “We applaud the governor and his staff for creating a thorough plan that aims at investing in our state.”

The Chamber has long been an advocate for improving the region’s goods movement infrastructure. Improving our region’s infrastructure is critical to our state’s economy.

The governor’s plan will help our already overburdened system. The Ports of Los Angeles and Long beach are the busiest in North America, handling nearly one-third of all inbound and outbound U.S. trade. With 43 percent of all imported goods to the United States coming in to the ports, we must do all we can to ensure that our goods movement infrastructure is one of the best in the world.

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