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L.A. AREA CHAMBER JOINS GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER, MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA, SPEAKER NUNEZ IN SUPPORT OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce joins with lawmakers and regional business organizations in urging the California Transportation Commission to immediately fund four essential Southern California transportation projects:

- The Los Angeles I-405 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane project already includes a design/build strategy to improve the most congested freeway in the nation. This project is vital to reducing gridlock from the Los Angeles International Airport to the San Fernando Valley.

- The Los Angeles I-5 corridor upgrade from the Orange County line to Interstate 605 will provide much needed congestion relief for goods movement in Southern California.

- The I-215 corridor needs funding to provide for a necessary HOV lane that will serve this rapidly-growing segment of Southern California.

- The Riverside State Route 91 HOV project just south of the 60/91/215 interchange to Adams Street will fill an existing gap in the HOV system and crucial to unclogging this important Orange County-Los Angeles transportation artery.

“Southern California faces a double whammy of both traffic and goods movement congestion. These four highways are absolutely essential to delivering goods to the rest of the nation and improving the quality of life for nearly 20 million residents,” said President & CEO Gary Toebben. “We encourage the CTC to approve projects based on existing need and overall benefit to the economy.”

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