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****STATEMENT****

**Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Passes Senate,
Advancing New Levels of Funding to Help Nation in Recovery**

*California Transit Association Will Continue Advocating for
Highest Possible Investment Levels for Public Transit and Passenger Rail*

Sacramento – Yesterday, the United States Senate and President Joe Biden struck a long-awaited *Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal*. The deal, which invests \$550 billion in the nation's infrastructure, subsequently cleared a procedural vote in the Senate on a 67-32 vote count. Throughout the development of the deal, the Association – representing over 85 public transit agencies in California and transit manufacturers and suppliers – advocated for the highest possible levels of investment in public transit and passenger rail systems. [Read our letter to Congress.](#)

"We applaud Democrats and Republicans for coming together to put our people and our communities first," said the Association's Executive Director Michael Pimentel.

"We're encouraged by the progress made so far to advance a deal that will repair our crumbling infrastructure while modernizing mass transit and rail systems across the nation. We continue to review the specifics of the deal and look forward to continuing our advocacy efforts to elevate the importance of mass transportation for delivering cleaner, more equitable mobility options to millions of Americans. Should the deal continue to advance, we look forward to engaging with the Biden-Harris Administration and Congress to ensure our industry can realize the deal's goals – including reshaping the economy, accelerating our nation's transition to a cleaner transportation sector, and connecting more equitable, resilient communities."

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Michael Pimentel is the executive director of the California Transit Association, a 501(c)(6) non-profit trade organization comprised of nearly 250 member organizations, including all of the state's largest urban transit operators, as well as dozens of transit agencies in suburban and rural areas. Its membership also extends to include commuter rail agencies, transit support groups, national and international transit suppliers, and government agencies. The Association is the leading advocate on behalf of public transit in California, representing transit's interests before the California State Legislature, the Governor and regulatory agencies on the local, state and federal levels.