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****STATEMENT****

California Transit Association Hails Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Passed by Senate, Urges U.S. House of Representatives to Move Historic Funding Package Forward

Largest Ever Federal Investments in Public Transit and Passenger Rail to Transform California and the Nation

Sacramento – Today, the United States Senate passed a historic \$550 billion Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, advancing the largest ever federal investments in the nation’s public transit systems and core infrastructure priorities. The California Transit Association – representing over 85 public transit agencies in California and transit manufacturers and suppliers – has been advocating for the highest possible investment levels for public transit and passenger rail reflected in the bill.

“The historic and sweeping investments proposed in the infrastructure bill for public transit and rail can trailblaze a new future for our nation – one that unifies, transforms, and defines the future of transportation for the world,” said the Association’s Executive Director, Michael Pimentel. “At President Biden’s urging, Democrats and Republicans set aside their differences to demonstrate what our nation can accomplish when we work together. We commend the Senate for its visionary leadership in developing and passing this once-in-a-generation plan to head-off our nation’s most pressing challenges. We encourage the U.S. House of Representatives to follow suit in passing the bill for the betterment of our communities, workers, and families.”

“Not only do the investments help bring our rail and transit systems into a state of good repair, they advance cleaner, more equitable mobility options for Americans nationwide. The increased level of funding for rail and transit is not just significant, it’s the biggest ever. Over the next five years, the bill would provide \$106.9 billion for public transit, a 63 percent increase over current funding levels, and \$102.15 billion for rail programs, a 561 percent increase over current funding levels. This bill will deliver at least \$9.5 billion to California’s transit agencies for the purposes of replacing aging fleets with zero-emission alternatives, building transformational capital projects, shoring up resilience to extreme weather events, and creating good paying jobs through new avenues of manufacturing and construction.”

The Association and its members will continue supporting the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill as it moves through the legislative process, and looks forward to working with Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, and members of the U.S. House of Representatives to move the bill forward.

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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.