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****STATEMENT****

**Governor Newsom Signs Historic State Budget Passed by Legislature,
Which Prioritizes Public Transit in California's Recovery**

Budget Actions to Follow on Key, Unresolved Spending

Sacramento, CA – Governor Gavin Newsom has now signed SB 129 (Skinner), a budget bill that, when coupled with AB 128 (Ting), comprises the provisions of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 State Budget to which the Governor and Legislative Leaders have so far agreed upon. These bills implement an unprecedented level of state-level economic stimulus to accelerate California's recovery from the pandemic. Ongoing negotiations continue between the Governor and the Legislature on several key budget items and are expected to span much of summer before they are resolved via "budget trailer bills."

The Budget, which totals \$262.6 billion, includes unprecedented levels of state investment in public transportation, including:

- **\$2.5 billion** for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), an investment that supports capacity building and greenhouse gas emission-reducing priority transit and rail projects across the state;
- **\$2.7 billion** for a Zero-Emission Vehicles and Infrastructure, an investment that supports zero-emission vehicle deployment, including by California's transit agencies;
- **\$500 million** for the Active Transportation Program;
- **\$400 million** for Climate Adaptation on Transportation Infrastructure; and,
- **\$10 million** for the UC Institute of Transportation Studies.

Additional investment to support public transportation is expected through supplemental budget actions later this summer. The California Transit Association issued the following statement on behalf of over 85 transit and rail agencies in California:

"We applaud Governor Newsom for signing an historic budget that benefits all Californians and prioritizes public transit in moving the state forward from crisis to recovery," said the Association's Executive Director Michael Pimentel. "With \$2.7 billion for zero-emission vehicles, the state is accelerating and making a reality our industry's transition to 100 percent zero-emission buses by 2040, in addition to substantial funding that will improve rail and transit connectivity across the state. These budget actions will expand California's leadership on clean transportation, create good paying jobs, and build more equitable communities across the state."

“The Association urges the Legislature and Administration to take swift action on outstanding budget items, including high-speed rail, and on implementing legislation to guide investments approved for TIRCP, Active Transportation, and Climate Adaptation.”

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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 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.