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**\*\*STATEMENT\*\***

**House Committee Leaders Announce Transformational,  
Once-In-A-Generation Transportation Infrastructure Bill,  
Covers Core of *American Jobs Plan***

**Sacramento** – Today, Chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Peter DeFazio, Chair of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit Eleanor Holmes Norton, and Chair of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines & Hazardous Materials Donald M. Payne, Jr., introduced a \$547 billion, five-year surface transportation reauthorization bill. The proposed legislation – “Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America (INVEST in America Act)” – codifies a core piece of President Biden’s *American Jobs Plan*. The California Transit Association released the following statement:

“On behalf of the California Transit Association’s 85 transit and rail agency members, I commend the bold and visionary leadership demonstrated by Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the members of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, and Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines & Hazardous Materials,” said the Association’s Executive Director Michael Pimentel.

“The INVEST in America Act will take the nation’s transportation infrastructure to where it needs to be by bringing rail and transit systems into a state of good repair while delivering clean mobility options to Americans nationwide. Importantly, this plan will create good paying jobs, as we continue to recover from the pandemic, and rapidly accelerate the transition to a cleaner transportation sector – one that will connect more equitable, resilient communities. We especially thank Congress for focusing on the deployment of zero-emission bus technologies by transit agencies nationwide and for including provisions in the bill to further support states, like California, that have adopted statewide zero-emission bus transition requirements. Modernizing our nation’s transportation infrastructure and incentivizing clean vehicle deployments is how we *Build Back Better*.”

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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.*