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****STATEMENT****

Rebuilding Nation's Infrastructure Blueprint for Rebuilding Post-Pandemic Economy

President Biden's American Jobs Plan Would Invest \$2 Trillion In Upgrading Infrastructure, Tackling Climate Change, and Bolstering Manufacturing

Sacramento – Today the White House unveiled details for *The American Jobs Plan*, a \$2 trillion investment focused on upgrading the nation's infrastructure, combatting climate change, and reshaping the economy. Transforming and modernizing the nation's public transit systems, along with projects that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, is core to the historic infrastructure plan. In a statement today, California Transit Association's Executive Director Michael Pimentel applauded the Biden-Harris Administration for introducing the ambitious blueprint to *Build Back Better*, which includes new investments of \$621 billion for transportation infrastructure and resilience over the next eight years:

"Rebuilding our nation's transportation infrastructure means rebuilding a stronger, more resilient post-pandemic economy. A decades-long decline in public investment has left our roads, bridges, rail, and transit systems in crippling condition, with a trillion-dollar backlog of much-needed repairs. Repairing, modernizing, and expanding our current infrastructure can create jobs, accelerate clean energy solutions, and shore up the nation's long-term growth and competitiveness.

"This unprecedented investment would not only double the level of federal funding California's transit agencies receive for transit projects annually, but it would also significantly bolster our ability to transition to 100 percent zero-emission bus fleets by 2040 as required by the state. *The American Jobs Plan* includes \$174 billion for domestic investments in electric vehicle and battery manufacturing to facilitate, among other things, the transition of 50,000 transit buses nationwide to zero-emission bus technologies. This investment will help grow the increasingly California-based manufacturing of these technologies fueling the zero-emission bus transformation across the country. The plan would also provide a four-fold increase in investment in rail projects nationwide, further augmenting our state's leadership in developing a robust and sustainable rail network.

"On behalf of California's over 85 largest transit agencies, we look forward to working with the Biden-Harris Administration and our Congressional leaders on the passage of this historic infrastructure plan so that we can advance a more expansive, equitable, environmental and efficient public transportation network in California and beyond."

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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.