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

## **U.S. House of Representatives Passes INVEST in America Act, a Transformational, Once-In-A-Century Transportation Infrastructure Bill to Boost the Nation**

**Sacramento** – Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America (INVEST in America Act), a \$715 billion, five-year surface transportation reauthorization and water infrastructure bill. The California Transit Association released the following statement:

“The unprecedented investments to modernize our nation’s transportation infrastructure will pay dividends in job creation, better connected communities, and increased access and mobility for working families,” said the Association’s Executive Director Michael Pimentel. “By bringing our transit and rail systems into a state of good repair and supporting zero-emission technologies and deployment, we will fast-track the transformation of our nation’s transportation sector into one that is cleaner, more resilient, and equitable. The bill includes \$204 billion for transit and passenger and freight rail, including an unprecedented \$4 billion investment in zero-emission transit buses, a key priority for California’s transit agencies.”

“As the INVEST in America Act heads to the Senate, we applaud the bold and visionary leadership demonstrated by Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Peter DeFazio, Chair of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit Eleanor Holmes Norton, Chair of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines & Hazardous Materials Donald M. Payne, Jr., and members of the House. We urge the Senate to vote aye on the INVEST in America Act, building our nation’s long-term competitiveness in the global economy while safeguarding our environment closer to home.”

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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.*