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EVENT: 30-35 members. 10 minutes remarks, 7-10 Q&A

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- *Sheldon Ausman* (Chairman of the Board).
- *Ron Lamb* (Director of Government Relations) -- other day gave testimony (Bill Lehman Subcommittee) on metro rail funding.

WE ARE AWARE OF YOUR NEEDS

- President well aware of civil unrest situation in Los Angeles -- working with all Cabinet Secretaries to ease problems. We at DOT are doing all we can -- FAA re-routing and diverting flights from LAX East Approach.
- DOT more than aware of Los Angeles area as major transportation hub -- having one of nations's biggest sea ports ... busiest airports .. largest highway network ... "home" of intermodalism.

ISTEA

- ISTEA brings revolutionary change -- more flexibility, more private/ public partnerships, more money to spend.

- CA has used 52 percent of available FY 92 highway funds. Need to get these monies out of the pipeline now. Let me know how I can help speed the process.

KEY CALIFORNIA PROJECTS

- DOT involved in key local development projects that will help ease traffic congestion, air pollution, noise, increase public use of mass transit.

--*LA In'l Airport*: Working to solve problems surrounding the issue of noise ordinances.

--*Alameda Transportation Corridor*: Helping build Intermodalism -- improve rail and truck access to LA and Long Beach Ports.

--*Rail Transit Development*: Working with you to develop 200 mile HOV system/ 300 mile rail transit network. *Red Line* -- recent opening of first leg postponed.

--*Highway Construction*: ISTEA assures timely completion of the upgrading of *Harbor Freeway (I-110)*. Century Freeway Project -- President Bush hailed project as best example of intermodalism at work.

- *Safety*: Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program pioneered in LA now adopted nationally thanks to your efforts. You are one of the leaders in seat belt use --

exceed "70 by 92" goal with **70.7** percent usage. Compliance with helmet use nearly **100** percent.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTNERSHIP

- *New Executive Order on Infrastructure Privatization* -- We are committed to aggressive program of privatizing federal assets -- including roads, airports.
- ISTEA offers more support for increased use of tolls and partnership in *infrastructure financing*. Orange County Freeway Project -- plans to build three freeway segments with combination of public/private funding. (Included is new toll-collection technology which makes it unnecessary for vehicles to stop and pay toll.)
- *Cooperation to Reduce Peak-Hour Congestion*. State of California has initiated one-year ""telework center"" pilot project in Riverside. If 5% of LA county commuters ""telecommuted"" one day each week -- save 205 million miles of travel each year/ stop 47,000 tons of air pollutants.

REGULATORY REFORM

- Identified more than 300 changes in DOT regulations that would help the economy -- the way you do business.

- *Trucking Deregulation* designed to reduce regulatory burdens, improve efficiency, establish more flexible pricing, permit carriers to serve larger areas and carry more commodities. California 5th worst case of trucking regulation in the country -- costs you \$342 million -- nearly \$70 per resident.
- The *Labor Department* has given contractors/builders greater flexibility to hire semi-skilled "helpers" for federally funded construction projects.

EMBRACING SYSTEMATIC CHANGE

- President's initiatives also bringing about revolutionary change throughout educational, health and legal system. We are not unaware of *frivolous lawsuits*. (Recent examples include: Legal question as to whether a coach class passenger who uses first class toilet could be considered a trespasser. And whether a pregnant woman --driving alone -- could qualify as a "car pool.")
- President also committed to expanding America's business presence abroad. Pushing for GATT agreement and *North America Free Trade Agreement* to unlock potential markets in Canada and Mexico -- will have major impact on your community.

CONCLUSION

- The government can do only so much -- we need your partnership. Partnership in building and operating our transportation system ... in expanding world trade ... in making sure we have jobs, schools, health system worthy of great nation.

- I know I can count on your support.

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