



Los Angeles Area  
Chamber of Commerce

## **Access Washington D.C. Southern California on the Hill Policy Priorities**

### **Guaranteed, reliable, increased long-term funding**

Congress must pass authorizing legislation that increases investment to close our national transportation infrastructure deficit, ensures funding sources that are stable and predictable over the long-term and keeps our existing infrastructure in good repair while also enabling system expansion.

### **Goods movement as a national economic priority**

Congress must act now to address the growing needs of our nation's goods movement system. Mobility 21 strongly urges Congress to adopt a national goods movement policy to address congestion, air quality and safety impacts on Southern California and other metropolitan regions resulting from goods movement. The program should treat the goods movement system as a national network, address multi-modal concerns, reduce congestion and health impacts and provide for economic and job growth.

### **Simultaneous Improvement of Congestion and the Environment**

Improving multi-modal mobility must contain the policy objective of reducing the transportation sector's impacts on the natural environment. Specifically, the next authorization must include policies and funding to dramatically reduce nonattainment pollutants, toxic diesel exhaust, and greenhouse gases and that pose a threat to the quality of life for Southern California's 21 million residents.

### **Safer transit systems**

The federal commitment to building and maintaining a safe and secure passenger and freight rail network must be strengthened. In Southern California, passenger and freight trains operate on the same tracks on a rail network that is already stretched to capacity and facing growing demands. The new authorization bill must provide sustained federal investment in rail safety measures such as, upgraded signal technology, grade separations, increased rail network capacity, safety and outreach programs, etc.