STATEMENT OF BOSTON MAYOR THOMAS MENINO,
PRESIDENT, U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS,
ON TENTATIVE AMTRAK FUNDING AGREEMENT

June 27, 2002

“Mayors are relieved that an agreement in principle has been reached to ensure
continued operation of Amtrak. Without an agreement, the nation’s transportation
system would have been overwhelmed by the more than 60,000 daily Amtrak riders and
hundreds of thousands of daily commuters on state-operated lines using Amtrak tracks.

“We commend Meridian, Miss. Mayor John Robert Smith, Chairman of the
Amtrak Board, for his leadership in making this agreement possible.

“The events of the past week have demonstrated how vital Amtrak is to our
transportation system and our economy. There is clearly solid and broad national support
for Amtrak. Mayors from both political parties believe an effective, multi-faceted
transportation system that includes a strong, national passenger rail system is essential for
our nation’s economic success. We look forward to continued success over the long-term
in building and supporting a strong, adequately funded Amtrak.”

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