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U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS VICE PRESIDENT LOS ANGELES MAYOR ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA, CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO DISCUSS EXPANDING INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION FINANCING TOOLS IN THE NEXT TRANSPORTATION BILL

America Fast Forward Initiative Calls for TIFIA Expansion to Create Nearly One Million Jobs Nationwide

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Conference of Mayors Vice President Los Angeles, CA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, will join Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman Barbara Boxer, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman John Mica, U.S. Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Thomas J. Donohue, AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, and U.S. Conference of Mayors Trustee, Mesa, AZ Mayor Scott Smith, to host a press conference Wednesday on Capitol Hill to discuss expanding innovative transportation financing tools on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 2:30 PM in the Dirksen Senate Office Building - Room 406, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC.

Mayors Villaraigosa and Smith will discuss America Fast Forward, a national jobs and transportation plan that will improve the way transportation projects are financed so that cities and states can access and disseminate capital directly to projects, creating a faster and more efficient system. The plan could create nearly one million jobs, produce $158 billion in economic output, and generate $51 billion in worker income.

America Fast Forward has the support of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the AFL-CIO, and more than 100 Mayors, both Republican and Democrat, from around the country.

WHO:
U.S. Conference of Mayors Vice President, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa of Los Angeles, California
Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman Barbara Boxer (D-CA)
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman John Mica (R, FL-7)
Thomas J. Donohue, President and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Richard Trumka, President of the AFL-CIO
U.S. Conference of Mayors Trustee, Mayor Scott Smith of Mesa, Arizona

WHAT:
News conference to discuss expanding innovative transportation financing tools.

WHERE:
Dirksen Senate Office Building - Room 406
Capitol Hill
Washington, DC

WHEN:
Wednesday, March 30, 2011
2:30 p.m.

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