ORLANDO MAYOR BUDDY DYER,
ALBANY (NY) MAYOR GERALD JENNINGS
TO BRIEF CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS ON THE IMPACT OF
HIGH SPEED RAIL IN CITIES

U.S. Conference of Mayors Releases Study on High Speed Rail and
Economic Impact on Cities

Washington, D.C. – Orlando (FL) Mayor Buddy Dyer will represent the nation’s mayors in a briefing before key Congressional Members on a new Conference of Mayors’ report on The Economic Impact of High-Speed Rail on Cities and their Metropolitan Areas during a special session hosted by House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Chair Corrine Brown (FL), and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Ranking Member John Mica (FL).

Mayor Dyer will make the case for dedicated federal funding for high-speed intercity passenger rail service in the pending authorization of the federal surface transportation law. He will also present the findings of the Conference’s high-speed rail report, which assesses the economic impacts of high-speed rail on four cities of different sizes, economic structure and geographic location -- Los Angeles, Chicago, Albany (NY) and Orlando. The report also shows that high speed rail could bring those cities $16 billion in new business revenue and 150,000 new jobs.

In addition to Mayor Dyer, Albany (NY) Mayor Gerald Jennings will brief Congressional members by phone on the Albany case study. The entire report is available at www.usmayors.org/highspeedrail.com.

WHO: Orlando, FL Mayor Buddy Dyer, The U.S. Conference of Mayors -- Mayor Dyer Will Be Available for Interviews Following the Special Session
WHAT: SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING ON HIGH SPEED RAIL STUDY
WHEN: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 | 2 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
WHERE: 2253 Rayburn House Office Building

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,139 such cities in the country today. Each city is represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the mayor. More information about the Conference is available at usmayors.org <http://usmayors.org>

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