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MAYOR LICCARDO JOINS NATIONAL BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN TO CALL ON CONGRESS TO PASS TRANSPORTATION BILL

*On “Stand Up For Transportation Day,” Mayor Sam Liccardo Rallies Local Leaders to Push Congress To
Move Beyond Partisanship & Fully Fund San Jose’s Transportation Infrastructure*

*Mayor Sam Liccardo Joins 50+ Mayors, 150+ Cities & 300+ Organizations Throughout The U.S. To Call For
Action Ahead Of May 31st Expiration Of Federal Transportation Bill*

San José – As part of the national Stand Up For Transportation Day of Action that includes events across the country, Mayor Liccardo today will call upon Congress to renew funding for the federal transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), which is set to expire on May 31st. Mayor Liccardo joins a bipartisan group of more than 50 mayors on this day of action along with over 300 organizations across the country, representing more than 150 cities and spanning 40 states.

Mayor Liccardo will stand with other local leaders in an effort to push Congress to act before it is too late.

Who: Mayor Liccardo, Supervisor Dave Cortese, VTA GM Nuria Fernandez

What: Call for Congress to renew funding for federal transportation bill

When: Thursday, April 9th, 10am

Where: San Jose State Event Center

As the latest city audit has shown, San José’s road infrastructure is crumbling and is in need of extensive repair and maintenance totaling \$500 million, which will balloon to nearly \$1 trillion if not addressed. Furthermore, as sales tax revenues continue to drag, a stable funding source is needed if the BART project in San José is to be completed.

“The condition of many of our roads in San José is shameful,” said San José Mayor San Liccardo, “and we aren’t providing residents with sufficient alternatives to driving,” said Mayor Liccardo. “The reality is that if Congress fails to act on a long-term funding bill there will be a wave of uncertainty that puts the economic future of San José in jeopardy.”

In addition to mayors across the country, a broad coalition of transportation providers, businesses, transportation system users, state partners and others are calling on Congress to pass a long-term transportation bill that increases investments in our transportation infrastructure. On the national level, a new analysis from American Public Transportation Association shows that more than \$227 billion in economic productivity is at risk over the next six years without long-term federal investment in transit.

Closer to home, San José faces a \$504 million backlog just to bring our local roads into a state of good repair. Moreover, the lack of a long-term federal funding bill jeopardizes San José’s effort to complete the BART project, thereby discouraging private sector investment. With a lack of a commitment on the federal level, the local business investment and job creation is stifled in San José and nationwide. To be sure, a long-term, fully funded transportation bill must include robust investment for all modes of transportation.

To learn more about Stand Up for Transportation Day please visit www.standup4transportation.org or follow the Day of Action on Twitter at #SU4T.

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