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Transit Training Funds Awarded to the SCR TTC

Los Angeles, CA - The Southern California Transit Training Consortium (**SCR TTC**) has executed a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant for the first of four years of federal assistance in support of a regional transit training program.

Under the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the SCR TTC was awarded \$1.5 million in Research and Technology funds, thanks in large part to the support and leadership of Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA). These funds were awarded to the SCR TTC over a four-year period to enhance and standardize transit training in the region. More specifically, the project is a collaboration between community colleges and transit agencies in Southern California to develop and conduct technical training courses for transit maintenance employees.

Faced with new technological advances such as alternative fuel, fuel cell and hybrid drive technologies, global positioning systems (GPS), on-board computerized microprocessors, and computerized facility support systems, the transit industry has a tremendous need for a highly skilled, technologically advanced workforce. "Educating our workforce is so important to the future of public transit," said Milo Victoria, SCR TTC Board Chairman. "The Consortium is the perfect marriage that brings in the training capacity and course content of the colleges to allow our technical staff to stay current in their field."

The SCR TTC's goals not only benefit current employees, but also serve to meet workforce development needs in the region as well. With few resources to generate an adequately trained labor supply, community colleges will now have the necessary coursework and training capacity to educate students and prepare them for highly paid jobs in the growing transit industry. "The new paradigm for the Consortium members is the development of a new learning model," said David Stumpo, SCR TTC Project Manager. "We should see the reversing of an industry trend in employment and retention, improved training methods and practices, and overall employee satisfaction. Anytime we bring training and education forward to our rank and file, one can see the excitement that results from development. I have always believed in education and certification as the pillar for our industry and helping one's career path in public transit."

The SCR TTC is a coalition of over 30 transit operators, community colleges and other educational institutions in Southern California, joined together to develop industry driven, competency based curriculum that meets present and future technological needs of public transit systems. The SCR TTC has been designated as a 501 (c)(3) organization, as well as a California Non-Profit Corporation.

For further information about the Consortium, please visit our website at www.scrttc.com.