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## News Release

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### Transit Training Funds Awarded to the SCRTTC

**Los Angeles, CA** - The Southern California Transit Training Consortium (**SCRTTC**) has been awarded \$450,000 to continue funding the SCRTTC Training Program. The funding authorization executed by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is authorization for the fourth-year of a four-year federal assistance and workforce development training program.

Under the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the SCRTTC was awarded \$1.28 million in Research and Technology funds over a four year period. This program was awarded to the SCRTTC as a result of the support and leadership of Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA). The funds were awarded to the SCRTTC to enhance and standardize transit training in the Southern California region. More specifically, the program is collaboration between community colleges and transit agencies in Southern California to develop and conduct technical training courses for transit maintenance employees.

Transit systems today are faced with new technology; protecting our environment through alternative fuel, fuel cell and hybrid drive systems, and other on-board computerized microprocessors. The industry has a burgeoning need for a highly skilled technologically advanced workforce. Board Chairman Jess Guerra says, "The demands on transit are many and the Consortium's aim is to help the industry by providing workforce development and course delivery where our needs assessment and gap analysis indicates."

The SCRTTC's goals benefit current employees, and also serve to meet workforce development needs as well. With few resources to generate an adequately trained labor supply, community colleges provide the necessary coursework and infrastructure to educate students and prepare them for highly paid jobs in the growing transit industry. "Going into the final year of this research and demonstration training program has clearly shown improved productivity and technical competence of the transit workforce we serve. These productivity increases improve service delivery, lower the operational costs, and improves the service our customers deserve," says David Stumpo, SCRTTC Project Manager.

The consortium has delivered over 15,000 hours of training to more than 1200 transit employees that maintain our vehicles every day.

The SCRTTC is a coalition of over 27 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 SCRTTC has been designated as a 501 (c) (3) organization, as well as a California Non-Profit Corporation.

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