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MAYOR DELLUMS, U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS MEETS WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA AT WHITE HOUSE

OAKLAND – As part of the 78th Winter Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM), Mayor Ron Dellums and various mayors from across the country are meeting with President Barack Obama and his Economic Advisory Team today to make the case for their city’s respective “Metro Agenda”, as well as the need for a stronger federal/city partnership.

“It’s critical to continue our efforts to ensure that Oakland is at the front of the line for federal resources,” said Mayor Dellums. “With this partnership, we have the opportunity to build upon existing innovations in Oakland, leverage additional resources, and further develop Oakland as a model city.”

During the meeting at the White House, Mayor Dellums is making the case for key transportation, education, economic development, and workforce development projects, including the Oakland Airport Connector (OAC) and Port of Oakland truckers. Over the next two days, Mayor Dellums will also meet independently with various officials to advocate for further funds for Oakland, including the Port of Oakland Truck Retrofit and replacement program, as well as addressing the issues with the OAC project. About 1,000 Port truckers are in need of additional funding support to meet new state environmental requirements to continue working at the Port of Oakland.

BART recently received notice from the Federal Transit Administration that they risk losing federal funds for the OAC, including \$70 million in federal stimulus funds for not conducting an analysis of potential project impacts from service and fare changes.

“I am seriously concerned about the potential loss of federal funds for the Oakland Airport Connector project due to the Federal Transit Administration’s concerns that BART failed to conduct an equity analysis for service and fare changes for the project,” said Mayor Dellums.

At BART’s request, the mayor plans on communicating with the Department of Transportation the following main points:

- The City of Oakland strongly supports the OAC as a catalyst for immediate jobs and long-term economic development needs of the Oakland Airport;
- Mayor Dellums supports an equity analysis to be conducted; and
- He will request that the federal government work in the spirit of partnership to assist BART in meeting any federal requirements.

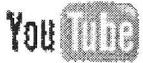
The mayors will also meet with House Representative Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Cabinet members and Congressional representatives to advocate for a national bipartisan agenda that confronts the persistent unemployment in city’s like Oakland.

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During the Winter Meetings, the mayors will hear from First Lady Michelle Obama, Energy Secretary Steven Chu, Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, White House Urban Affairs Director Aldofo Carrion. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, Attorney General Eric Holder, and U.S. Treasurer Rosie Rios.

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