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**Statement by Oakland Mayor Jean Quan  
and San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed  
on AB 57 (Beall) – MTC Representation**

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This week's media briefing  
will be held at 1 pm in  
Elmhurst Plaza (Willie  
Wilkins) Park at 98<sup>th</sup> and B  
Street, in East Oakland.

We are deeply disappointed the Senate Environment and Housing Committee decided not to take action today on AB 57 and to instead hold the bill over until next year.

AB 57 would have expanded the membership of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) by two seats to give the Cities of San José and Oakland permanent seats on the commission. Our two cities are the largest and third largest cities in the Bay Area and will be responsible for the majority of housing and jobs for the region. MTC will make many of the decisions regarding funding for regional transportation projects in the coming years; we believe our cities should have a voice at the table.

The make-up of the Commission was established 40 years ago, and the region's population and job centers have changed dramatically since that time. The change proposed in our legislation would have reflected those substantial and significant changes.

AB 57 received near unanimous support from the MTC board, through three State Assembly Committees and passed the full Assembly with a 71-5 vote. To have nearly two years of effort and near unanimous support delayed at the final stage without explanation is disappointing.

We urge the Committee Chairperson to bring this bill back before the committee for additional hearings and a vote as soon as possible.

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