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Washington, DC – Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (CA-5) announced \$1.35 million in funding for Sacramento transportation and development projects. The funding was included in the \$65.9 billion FY ’06 Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development Conference Report. In accordance with the SAFETEA-LU funding requirements, the bill provides \$36.0 billion in highway funding; a \$1.6 billion increase over FY05, as well as \$8.47 billion for transit funding, which includes \$1.5 billion for new starts. “By investing in infrastructure and economic development we are demonstrating our commitment to making Sacramento a better place to live and work as well as improving our already high quality of life,” said Congresswoman Matsui.

**Tower Bridge Pedestrian/Bike Improvements, \$500,000:** The cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento have been working to widen and improve the Tower Bridge. The project is a key element of the Waterfront Master Plan, a joint-city effort aimed at redevelopment of the Sacramento riverfront. In the adopted plan, Tower Bridge is the key link of the pedestrian and bicycle enhancements planned for the central waterfront.

**Sacramento Food Bank, \$400,000:** The SFBS, through its Food and Nutrition Program, feeds approximately 55,000 people annually in the Sacramento area. A safe, permanent facility is needed to enable this worthwhile organization to carry out its mission. A suitable site has been identified and the County of Sacramento has agreed to assist in financing the conversion of the existing facility to accommodate the needs of the SFBS. This project has the support of the regional Congressional delegation who have also included this project among their priorities.

**Sacramento RT Bus Replacement and Facility, \$250,000:** RT is seeking to replace 75 first-generation Compressed Natural Gas Buses (CNG) and to construct a second bus maintenance facility. RT first introduced alternative fuel vehicles in 1993, and since that time has remained committed to reducing vehicle emissions. However, these buses have now reached or exceeded their useful service life of 12 years or 500,000 miles. Procurement of these buses takes about 2 years to complete with an approximate cost of \$350,000 each. Furthermore, RT’s only bus maintenance facility now exceeds its maximum capacity. The facility was designed to house 200 buses, maintains and stores over 258 vehicles causing major service problems with double parking and inadequate space to perform required maintenance. A second bus maintenance facility would allow RT to accommodate up to 200 additional buses and better service the growing Sacramento Region. Together, these projects will allow RT to expand its service to the region and ensure that its fleet remains a safe and reliable source of transportation for those who have come to rely on it.

**Rancho Cordova Senior Center Expansion, \$200,000:** Built in 1987, the Cordova Senior Center, located in Lincoln Village provides an array of programs to Seniors including, fitness classes, health screenings, counseling, and lunches. However, the center is very overcrowded and seniors are turned away from services every day. The center is overdue for an expansion/retrofit that would add additional activity space, classrooms, ADA requirements, upgraded kitchen facilities and additional parking. This funding will help support these capital improvements. The U.S. House of Representatives is expected to pass this legislation today. ###

