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And authorizes over \$100 million for Light Rail

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Sacramento, CA – Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (CA-5) announced that \$130.174 million in federal funding for Sacramento infrastructure projects was authorized in the recently passed transportation legislation during a press conference at the future site of the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility. Seven projects were included as part of the comprehensive highway and transportation bill, with the Intermodal designated a project of National and Regional Significance and included on a list of approximately 40 other projects nationwide. Because of this designation, the Intermodal will receive an additional \$3 million – pushing the funding to nearly \$9 million. “Through these projects, we will not only continue to improve Sacramento’s highways and congestion, but our revitalization of

downtown and importantly, create jobs," said Matsui. "I am also pleased that this bill takes into account Sacramento's growth and our priority of maintaining and improving our quality of life here." Also included in the transportation bill is authorization for "new starts," which are large scale transit projects like light-rail lines. This bill included \$101.45 million for two new start projects: the South Line Extension from Meadowview Road to Cosumnes River College and Calvine-Auberry Roads; and the Downtown Natomas Airport Line. By receiving a new start, Congress has indicated its support for the eventual construction and funding of the project once it successfully completes the planning steps and project development process. Other projects receiving funding include: - \$8.852 million to advance development of the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility through the construction of improved bus facilities and trackside passenger facilities, and for more efficient access to the station for light rail, taxis and cars. Additionally, \$3 million for the project was included on a list of 40 nationwide projects of National and Regional Significance. - \$8.4 million for the North Central Business District to reconstruct and improve the interchange of I-5 and Richards Boulevard and widen 7th Street. - \$6.6 million for Folsom Boulevard to implement improvements to the corridor between Rod Beaudry Drive and Sunrise Boulevard, such as installing sidewalks and street lighting to provide for public safety. - \$3.2 million for the Watt Avenue improvements which will reconstruct Highway 50 at the Watt Avenue interchange. - \$1.672 million to construct a bus maintenance facility and to purchase full size and shuttle buses.

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