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Joint Statement from the Chairs of the Transportation Agencies of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority Regarding the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

(Los Angeles, CA, March 5, 2021) – The following is a joint statement from the Chairs of county transportation agencies representing Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) regarding their partnership in regional transportation planning and delivery for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

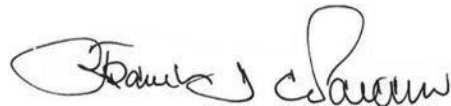
Southern California has a long history of effective collaboration on transportation issues affecting the more than 18 million people who make this region their home. For decades, our agencies have delivered transformative and innovative transportation solutions by using scarce locally generated transportation revenues to leverage and attract state and federal funding. Regional partnerships have laid the groundwork for meaningful mobility and economic improvements including the formation of Metrolink; the development of an integrated ExpressLanes network; and the optimization of goods movement between the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Hueneme and inland regional logistics hubs.

As the world's attention turns towards Southern California ahead of the Games, we are in both a challenging and exciting position to deliver a safe, efficient, and innovative transportation network for our residents, athletes, and visitors. This Chairs' Summit, held March 5, 2021, is the first step in a long-term commitment towards strengthening inter-agency partnerships and fulfilling our ambitious transportation goals to ease traffic, reduce emissions, improve air quality, create jobs, advance workforce development, and grow economic opportunity across Southern California.

To uphold this commitment, each agency will designate a standing 2028 Games lead from its Board. These Board leads will meet on an annual basis to maintain progress in developing and executing a comprehensive regional transportation infrastructure strategy that will deliver legacy benefits for generations well after the Games. This strategy will be developed in coordination with the LA28 Mobility Executive Board and its working groups, and may call for investments in Metrolink, ExpressLanes, transit, and goods movement optimization that could support an efficient Games and deliver lasting benefits for the region. Furthermore, our agencies will advocate together at the state and federal levels to facilitate the success of the Games, position the region to maximize investment from any future infrastructure legislation, and achieve regulatory acceleration for key projects.



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