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Date: March 14, 2006
To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
From: Bonnie Lowenthal, First District Councilmember *BL*
Subject: Report on APTA Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C

March 5th through 8th, I attended the **American Public Transportation Authority's (APTA) Legislative Conference** as a member of the **Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTA)**.

I met with a number of our federal legislators, including: Senator Barbara Boxer, Congressmembers Henry Waxman, Juanita Millender-McDonald, and Diane Watson regarding transit security, funding for transportation improvements, truck inspection facilities for the I-710, port security, and future funding of the highway trust fund.

The conference also included workshops on federal authorization and appropriations of the SAFETEA-LU bill that was signed by the President on August 10, 2005. SAFETEA-LU represents a hard-fought victory for the public transportation industry and is consistent with APTA's goals that include maintaining funding and expediting program delivery.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file report.