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Speaker of the House

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Dear Friends,

I wish to thank the National Council on Public Private Partnerships and the Federal Transit Administration for bringing together many of the Bay Area's transportation leaders to address today's infrastructure challenges.

I am proud that California is taking another giant step in developing creative and innovative solutions to some of our most pressing regional and global problems.

As we are all aware, our nation faces great infrastructure challenges, damaged roads, deficient bridges, aging pipelines and overloaded ports. The challenge of our crumbling infrastructure demands that we think in new and different ways.

House Democrats in the New Direction Congress are committed to robust public investment in public transportation. In addition to this commitment we must also look to innovative Public-Private partnerships to fund our increasing infrastructure needs. Private investment is playing an increasingly larger role in public infrastructure and we must continue to offer innovative solutions at every level of government to face our transportation challenges.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century we will face a scarcity of many of our resources. But at this conference there is no scarcity of ingenuity and talent. I congratulate you all for your part in rebuilding America and crafting a new vision for the future.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Pelosi".

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