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California Infrastructure Coalition Calls on Legislature, Governor to Place an Infrastructure Package on June Ballot

With Deadline Looming Just 10 Days Away, Coalition Launches Ad and Grassroots Campaign to Encourage Collaborative Capitol Effort

SACRAMENTO – With just ten days until the March 10 deadline to place measures on the June ballot, the California Infrastructure Coalition (CIC) today launched an aggressive effort to encourage the Legislature and the Governor to work together and ensure a much-needed package to address California’s aging infrastructure is approved before the deadline.

“We have just ten days to take care of future generations. Our leaders must work together to address California’s pressing infrastructure needs before true disaster strikes our state,” said Chris McKenzie, CIC Chair and Executive Director of the League of California Cities. “We simply can’t wait any longer. A comprehensive, sustainable funding mechanism to ensure that California can provide for future generations is essential.”

The campaign launched today by CIC will include a series of newspaper ads, starting today, and intensive efforts to educate legislators on the immediate need for an infrastructure proposal through grassroots advocacy and the news media. The coalition believes that it is imperative for a package to appear on the June ballot so California can immediately begin addressing the dire infrastructure situation.

“Without a solid infrastructure, employers are reluctant to bring new jobs and facilities to our state,” said Bill Hauck, CIC board member and President of the California Business Roundtable. “It has been decades since we have made a substantial commitment to California’s aging infrastructure. The time has come to immediately address this shortfall. The June ballot provides a great opportunity to begin the process of fixing California’s inadequate systems and facilities.”

“The California Infrastructure Coalition applauds the efforts of those leaders, particularly Governor Schwarzenegger and Senator Perata and Speaker Nunez, who have been working diligently to bring this issue to the forefront of California’s public policy debate,” said James Keene, Executive Director of the California State Association of Counties and a CIC Board Member. “We hope they can step up their efforts and produce a strong package for the people of California to consider on June 6.”

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The California Infrastructure Coalition is a broad-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to build support for dedicated and consistent sources of funding sufficient to sustain California’s vital infrastructure facilities and systems. Please visit our website at www.calinfrastructure.org.

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