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***Shippers Applaud Governor Schwarzenegger on Goods Movement Action Plan***

Washington, DC – The Waterfront Coalition applauded today the release of governor Schwarzenegger’s Goods Movement Action Plan (GMAP) final report that improves investments in the trade infrastructure of California.

“The Goods Movement Action Plan is a huge step in the right direction in improving transportation infrastructure in California,” said Robin Lanier, Executive Director of the Waterfront Coalition. “We are pleased that the need to address the movement of goods has been a top priority of the governor’s transportation agenda.”

The Goods Movement Action Plan represents an effort on the part of governor Schwarzenegger to quickly address shortfalls in California’s goods movement infrastructure that added delays for business receiving and moving freight while increasing congestion for commuters. Governor Schwarzenegger and his staff remained committed throughout the process of developing the GMAP of incorporating the interests of business, residents and others to ensure that the plan promoted the efficient movement of goods while safeguarding the environment and way of life for local residents.

The GMAP final report will greatly aid in implementing the transportation infrastructure investments and improvements approved by California’s voters this past November as part of Proposition 1B. The Waterfront Coalition endorsed this bond package because of the understanding on the part of the Administration and the Legislature to improve the transportation infrastructure identified in this report. The Waterfront Coalition looks forward to continue the collaborative process to make sure that these necessary projects are completed.

“The final report will help the state of California remain a competitive place to do business,” stated Lanier. “We applaud governor Schwarzenegger for his leadership in moving forward on his plans to improve goods movement in the state. Thanks to this plan, the California economy can continue to expand in an environmentally responsible manner while providing jobs for many.”

*The Waterfront Coalition is a group of concerned business interests representing shippers (importers and exporters, transportation providers, and others in the transportation supply chain committed to educating policy makers and the public about the economic importance of U.S. ports and foreign trade, and to promote the most efficient and technologically advanced ports for the twenty-first century.*

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