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CMAA Announces Transportation Summit

Industry experts, calling for a major overhaul of the country's transportation infrastructure, stress the need to invest heavily in the nation's travel ways, in some cases as much as \$225 billion annually just for highways.

Decisive action is needed now, according to a report released by the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission. The report states that the country must take significant measures to create and sustain our transportation system, because "the future of our Nation's well-being, vitality, and global economic leadership is at stake."

With so much at stake, the Construction Management Association of America will hold a Transportation Summit in Los Angeles on July 20-21 to showcase ways in which owners and CMs can effectively manage the enormous transportation infrastructure investments the future will demand.

"This summit will bring together the experts in the field of Transportation Construction management," said Bruce D'Agostino, CMAA CEO & President. "CMAA members – both owners and CMs – are the leading authority on how to complete these projects on time and on budget. They know what works."

Co-hosted by CMAA's Southern California, Northern California and San Diego Chapters and the Society of American Military Engineers, the Summit will provide participants with several opportunities for educational sessions. These sessions are divided into two tracks – emerging trends and best practices – with a focus on construction management of airways, highways, ports/harbors/waterways and transit/rail.

Each track will highlight successful projects that were recently completed or nearly completed. Reports indicate that billions of dollars could be saved each year by cutting down on construction delays. These highlight projects will detail cost and time savings methods.

Presentations will include topics such as: sustainability/GREEN, public-private partnerships, intelligent transportation, toll roads, port redesign and updating deteriorating structures. Request for proposals for education sessions will be available on CMAA's Web site in the near future.

CMAA has invited the Secretary of Transportation, Mary Peters, and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to deliver the keynote speeches.

CMAA is North America's only organization dedicated exclusively to the interests of the professional construction and program management industry. On behalf of its twenty-five regional chapters and more than 4,700 public and private firms and individuals throughout the nation, CMAA promotes the construction management industry and provides professional resources, advocacy, professional development, certification, and business opportunities to its members. CMAA's national headquarters is located in McLean, Virginia and the Association's website is www.cmaanet.org.

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