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**Mayor Chuck Reed Thanks President Obama and
Building America's Future for Focusing on Infrastructure**
*President Discusses Infrastructure needs with BAF Co-Chairs
Gov. Schwarzenegger, Gov. Rendell and Mayor Bloomberg*

SAN JOSE, CALIF. – Mayor Chuck Reed today thanked President Barack Obama for focusing attention on the critical issue of investing in America's infrastructure.

The President met today with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (CA), Governor Ed Rendell (PA), and Mayor Michael Bloomberg (NYC), co-chairs of Building America's Future, a bipartisan and national infrastructure coalition comprised of state and locally elected officials to help secure a renewed federal commitment to infrastructure.

Mayor Reed is part of the Building America's Future coalition. Building America's Future is dedicated to smart infrastructure investment – energy systems, roads and bridges, mass transit, water and sewer systems, rail, ports, airports, levees and dams, schools and housing – to enhance the quality of life and safety of our communities, create jobs, and promote energy independence.

“I want to thank the President for bringing attention to this critical issue,” said Mayor Reed. “Every year San José commuters waste 54 hours in traffic; time they would rather spend at home with their families. Smart infrastructure investment, like the future BART to Silicon Valley connection that will provide 100,000 commuter trips per day, is so critical to our quality of life and economic vitality.”

San José Infrastructure Facts:

- San José currently has a backlog of over \$500 million in unfunded road repairs and transportation infrastructure needs. (City of San José Department of Transportation)
- San José commuters spend an extra 54 hours in traffic every year – wasting on average 38 gallons of fuel. (Texas Transportation Institute)
- San José's Water Pollution Control Plant is over 50 years old and needs to be upgraded. Studies have identified \$1 billion in infrastructure upgrade needs, of which about \$250 million in critical items are moving forward in the next five years. The Plant also is essential to meeting two other city goals: recycling or beneficially reusing its 100 million gallons per day of treated wastewater, and helping to achieve zero waste by turning biosolids to energy. (City of San José Environmental Services Department)
- San José relies on the California Delta for much its drinking water. A 6.5 earthquake in the Delta could destroy levees and, within four to seven days, obliterate much of California's fresh water supply. Providing recycled drinking water is critical to San José's water independence. (Mayor Reed's office)

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