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U.S. MAYORS SAY LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ARE READY-TO-GO NOW: WOULD CREATE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JOBS AND SPUR NATIONAL ECONOMY

Urge Action on MainStreet Economic Recovery

Washington, D.C. – The nation’s mayors, led by U.S. Conference of Mayors President Miami Mayor Manny Diaz and joined by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, will renew their call for MainStreet Economic Recovery in a **PRESS CONFERENCE ON CAPITOL HILL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th.**

House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee Chairman Charlie Rangel (NY) will join the leadership of the Conference of Mayors release its second report that inventories local ‘ready-to-go’ infrastructure projects – projects that could be started and completed in cities in just two calendar years -- if emergency federal funding were made available. Information on these projects has been submitted to the U.S. Conference of Mayors from hundreds of cities in all regions of the country and includes projects in ten different sectors including Community Development Block Grants, transit, highway infrastructure, green jobs, school modernization, public safety and public housing (see details at www.usmayors.org).

Mayors will stress that investing in MainStreet metropolitan economies, which comprise 90% of our gross domestic product and drive the national economy, is the most direct path to creating jobs and stimulating the business that can begin to reverse the current economic downturn. **Immediately following the press conference, mayors will meet with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in her office at 10:30am; and then with Senate Majority Leader Reid and Assistant Senate Majority Leader Durbin at 11:30am (mtgs are closed to the press).**

WHO: Miami, FL Mayor Manny Diaz, USCM President
New York, NY Mayor Michael Bloomberg
The Hon. Charlie Rangel (NY), House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee Chair
The Hon. James Oberstar (MN), House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair
The Hon. Chaka Fattah (PA), Congressional Urban Caucus Chair
Chicago, IL Mayor Richard Daley, USCM Past President
Los Angeles, CA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa
Trenton, NJ Mayor Doug Palmer, USCM Past President
Akron, OH Mayor Don Plusquellic, USCM Past President
Charleston, SC Mayor Joe Riley, USCM Past President
Stamford, CT Mayor Dan Malloy
Dallas, TX Mayor Thomas Leppert
Providence, RI Mayor David Cicilline
Bowling Green, KY Mayor Elaine Walker
Honolulu, HI Mayor Mufi Hannemann
Tom Cochran, USCM CEO & Executive Director

WHAT: PRESS CONFERENCE: America’s Mayors Report on ‘Ready-To-Go’ Jobs and Infrastructure Projects & Call For MainStreet Economic Recovery

WHEN: Monday, December 8, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: U.S. Capitol Building – Room H-137 ~ Washington, D.C.