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National rail coalition supports proposed federal spending on high-speed rail

PHILADELPHIA – Paula Hammond, chair of the States for Passenger Rail Coalition (SPRC), today announced the coalition’s support of the Obama administration’s plans to continue developing a nationwide high-speed rail system that will give 80 percent of Americans access to high-speed rail within 25 years. Vice President Joe Biden announced today in Philadelphia a six-year plan to invest \$53 billion in a national high-speed rail network.

“The administration recognizes the need for an integrated transportation system,” said Hammond, who was in Philadelphia as SPRC chair. “I applaud the president’s commitment to a modern and efficient form of transportation.”

Hammond added that this new investment will allow states, freight rail and private companies to work together to build a better, comprehensive system.

“Near-term rail investments in critical infrastructure will result in thousands of new construction and manufacturing jobs and help provide the U.S. with a more sustainable way to move people and goods across the country,” said Hammond, who is transportation secretary in Washington state.

SPRC is an alliance of 32 state departments of transportation with a mission to promote the development, implementation and expansion of intercity passenger rail services.

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