

## This Week in Washington

Congressman Richard Pombo  
11th District, California

### Pombo Secures Transportation Dollars

#### *H.R. 3550 TEA-LU Passes the House*

Washington, D.C. - Today, the House passed H.R. 3550, authorizing funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs over the next six years.

"This bill is a victory for folks in my district and for the people of California," said Rep. Pombo. The state of California will receive the most funding of any state, total highway dollars increasing to \$1 billion over six years.

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### Unity in Transportation Solutions

#### *Rep. Richard Pombo and Chairman Don Young examining Transportation Congestion and Solutions*

Monday, April 5th, Transportation Chairman Don Young (R-AK) will join Chairman Richard Pombo (R-CA) at the Tracy Municipal Airport for an event centered on traffic solutions for California's Eleventh District. The event will begin at 2 p.m. and a reception will follow at the Tracy Flight Center, located on the airport grounds.

**Following the event, Chairmen Pombo and Young will take-off - viewing traffic and congestion from an airplane.**

"Richard and I frequently discuss the transportation problems in his District, and he is working on solutions that will benefit everyone," said Transportation Chairman Don Young. "I realize that Richard is constantly working to create cohesive transportation plans, and I am coming out to the District to get a firsthand look at the problems and to meet with Richard and local officials on the efforts to improve the region's transportation system."

**Chairmen Pombo and Young will be discussing all California 11th District-wide projects.** *(cont. on page 2)*

### Pombo seeks more funding for Breast Cancer Research

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On March 26, 2004, Congressman Pombo joined fellow representatives in a bi-partisan effort requesting more funding for breast cancer research. The request calls for \$150 million in fiscal year 2005 toward the Department of Defense (DOD) Peer-Reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP).

"This program has revolutionized breast cancer research," said Rep. Pombo. "So many of our loved ones and families are affected by this horrible disease, and I believe this program supports the science - moving us closer to finding a cure."

"Established 12 years ago, the DOD BCRP is an innovative and accountable medical research program. It has not only funded high-risk, high-return research, but also reports the results of its research to the American people at a biennial public meeting called the "Era of Hope." *(cont. on page 2)*

### Rep. Richard Pombo Introduces Mokelumne River Water Storage Study Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On March 25, 2004, Rep. Richard Pombo introduced "The Mokelumne River Regional Water Storage and Conjunctive Use Project Study."

"Clean, safe water is essential to sustain our growing population," said Rep. Pombo. "This bill focuses on water quality and provides for a multi-year evaluation including our regional stakeholders." San Joaquin County is experiencing a deficit in sufficient surface-water supply.

This bill authorizes \$300,000 for a feasibility study which will secure additional surface water supplies, stop groundwater basin overdraft, prevent saline intrusion, and improve water supply reliability and environmental protection for the Bay-Delta Region.

In addition, the proposal develops a new off-stream surface storage facility to capture flood waters from the Mokelumne River and regulate flows for an integrated system of groundwater banking and recharge projects in the eastern County.

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### (Pombo Secures Transportation Dollars cont.)

"Money is tight this year, but the need for funding was never a question," said Rep. Pombo. "This bill provides some solutions for the people in my district that suffer in traffic and transportation congestion every day."

"Although this is a good start, I will continue to work towards a seamless transportation plan - that's safe, environmentally sound, good for the economy, and helps folks spend more time off the roads and with their families."

#### Pombo Projects

	<u>Funding</u>
Alameda County/580 HOV Improvements	5,000,000
Tracy I-205/Chrisman Road Interchange Project	1,000,000
Contra Costa Transit Authority Vasco Road Safety Improvements	1,000,000
Port of Stockton & SJCOG	5,000,000
Manteca/SJCOG McKinley Interchange	4,000,000
SJRCC/ACE Central Valley to Sacramento Commuter Rail Project	4,000,000
State Route 130 Realignment	2,000,000
Danville Camino Tassajara - Crow Canyon to East Town	1,000,000
Contra Costa County Brentwood Tracy Expressway	5,000,000
Tracy Lammers Rd.	1,000,000
VTA 152/156 Intersection	1,000,000
<b>Rep. Pombo's Project Total</b>	<b>30,000,000</b>

#### Collaborative Projects Colleague

	<u>Funding</u>
VTA I-880/Coleman Avenue w/ Rep. Lofgren	10,000,000
Stockton/SJC&COG Arch Sperry Road Improvements w/ Rep. Cardoza	5,000,000
LAVTA/Wheels Satellite Facility w/ Rep. Tauscher	2,250,000
VTA Cerone Operating Division Bus Maintenance w/ Rep. Honda	5,000,000
VTA Hydrogen Fuel Cell Buses w/ Rep. Eshoo	3,200,000
VTA 152/156 Intersection w/ Rep. Honda	7,000,000
<b>Collaborative Project Total</b>	<b>32,450,000</b>
<b>Combined Project Totals</b>	<b>62,450,000</b>

Questions on the TEA-LU bill or Monday's event with Chairman Don Young? Call Nicole Taylor at 202-225-1543 - nicole.taylor@mail.house.gov

### (Unity in Transportation Solutions cont.)

"A seamless transportation plan is what people in the District want and need. When gas prices are high and the work-day is long, the last thing folks want to be doing is sitting in traffic - they deserve to be home with their families. More options will give people economical, environmentally smart, safe means of travel," said Rep. Pombo. "I meet with folks from every area of my district on transportation needs, and I'm very happy my good friend Don Young will join me to take stock of our challenges and solutions." Tracy Municipal Airport is located at: 5749 S. Tracy Boulevard, Tracy, Calif. 95377.

### (Pombo seeks more funding for Breast Cancer Research cont.)

At the 2002 Era of Hope meeting, researchers reported advances in the study of cancer development revealing possible ways to stop this growth at the molecular and cellular levels. In addition, the Institute of Medicine hails the DOD BCRP as "a promising vehicle for forging new ideas and scientific breakthroughs in the nation's fight against breast cancer."

This year alone, more than 258,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,000 women will die from this disease. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for women in the U.S. and is the leading cause of cancer death for U.S. women between the ages of 20 and 59. Despite these statistics, we still do not know what causes breast cancer, how to prevent it, or how to treat it most effectively.