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**The Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus Welcomes Conference of Minority Transportation Officials to Boston**

**Boston, July 2015:** The Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus (MBLLC) announced today its participation in the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials' (COMTO) 44<sup>th</sup> National Meeting and Training Conference to be held at the historic Boston Park Plaza Hotel, July 11 through July 14, 2015. Selected from COMTO chapters nationwide, Boston will serve as host to this well-attended conference, together with the participation and support of the MBLLC.

Committing the support of the MBLLC, Chair, Representative Russell Holmes (6<sup>th</sup> Suffolk District) emphasized the importance of community involvement in forums that promote equal employment opportunities for minorities and women. "Whenever one can become involved in an event that provides opportunities for growth, networking, and mentoring, you must seize the opportunity. I encourage folks to attend and thank COMTO for bringing the conference to Boston!"

The Honorable Anthony Foxx, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, is the invited keynote speaker. "We want to thank the MBLLC for its welcome and participation in COMTO's National Meeting and Training Conference," said COMTO Boston President Celia Blue.

Founded in 1971, COMTO is the nation's only multi-modal transportation organization representing minority professionals and businesses in the industry. Headquartered in Washington, D.C, COMTO members make up every aspect and serve at every level of the industry—highway, mass transit, rail, seaports and aviation.

The theme for COMTO's 2015 National Meeting and Training Conference is Growing America: Embracing Innovation, Inspiring Leaders and Bridging Opportunities. Some highlights of the conference agenda include:

- A Day at Harvard University, which features a Youth Symposium, showcasing Boston's Debate team; a Transportation Symposium and Reception hosted and moderated by Dr. Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., Professor of Law and Director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race & Justice, Harvard Law School and Rodney Slater, former U.S. Transportation Secretary.

- CEO luncheon with Scholars, CITY Interns & Emerging Leaders
- Legislative Breakfast
- Professional Development seminars
- Innovation Plenary Session, featuring the latest technology transportation trends
- Industry Awards Banquet

To view the full COMPTO schedule, visit [www.COMPTO.org](http://www.COMPTO.org).

*About MBLLC: Created in 1973, MBLLC remains a voice for Massachusetts' communities of color in the Legislature. MBLLC seeks to empower constituents to gain a deeper sense of political awareness on issues concerning them and their greater communities. The MBLLC's thirteen legislators remain dedicated to serving communities of color throughout the Commonwealth through legislative, budgetary, and community endeavors.*

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