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Congressman García Introduces the MORE Through TDM Act

Legislation will cut down on traffic congestion and reduce greenhouse gas emissions

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Congressman Jesús "Chuy" García (IL-04), a member of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, introduced the *Mobility Options, Resiliency, and Efficiency (MORE) Through TDM Act* to cut down traffic congestion and decrease greenhouse gas emissions. The bill would allow the Department of Transportation (DOT) to prioritize Transportation Demand Management (TDM), a collection of practices that help reduce travel demand. It would increase resources for TDM programs and projects, include TDM in transportation planning processes, and bring stakeholders together to share TDM best practices. The legislation is supported by the Association of Commuter Transportation.

"Every year millions of Americans waste over one hundred hours sitting in traffic as a part of their commute, and Chicagoans have seen their commute times increase almost 10% over the past decade. This is time working people can spend with their families. Due to decades of failure in our transportation planning, however, commuters are stuck in traffic," said Congressman García. "The MORE through TDM Act will cut greenhouse gas emissions and save people time by ensuring best practices in congestion relief are shared across cities and industry leaders. This legislation is common sense policy and should be included in future transportation reforms."

"We applaud Rep. García's introduction of the MORE Through TDM Act. The legislation will benefit commuters across the country and provide important resources to communities facing the challenges of returning people back to their work sites and schools as we exit the pandemic. Through increased adoption of TDM strategies, we can see improved mobility and improved air quality for all people," said David Straus, Executive Director, Association for Commuter Transportation.

The legislation is cosponsored by Representatives Steve Cohen (TN-09), Jared Huffman (CA-02), Mikie Sherrill (NJ-11), and Peter Welch (VT-At Large).

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