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# Investing in America's Competitiveness: An Infrastructure Strategy for the Nation and the Megaregion An America 2050 Forum

Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento, California  
Tuesday, December 2, 2008  
8:00 am to 3:30 pm

This forum is supported by:  
The Rockefeller Foundation  
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**8:00 Breakfast**

**8:45 Welcome**

Jim Wunderman – *President and CEO, Bay Area Council*

Mike McKeever – *Executive Director, Sacramento Area Council of Governments*

**9:00 Morning Keynote Address: Senate President-Elect Darrell Steinberg**

**9:30 America 2050**

Robert Yaro – *President, Regional Plan Association*

**9:50 Policy Issues for a National Infrastructure Plan**

Moderator: Petra Todorovich – *Director, America 2050*

- [Water] John Kirlin – *Executive Director, Delta Vision Task Force*
- [Transportation] Polly Trottenberg – *Executive Director, Building America's Future*
- [Energy] Dian Grueneich – *Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission*
- [Broadband] Joe Camicia – *Chief of Staff, California Chief Information Officer*

Audience Q&A

**11:15 Keynote: Hon. Doris Matsui, U.S. House of Representatives (D-CA)**

- 11:30 Hon. Earl Blumenauer, US House of Representatives (D-OR)**
- 12:00 Break**
- 12:15 Lunch**
- 1:15 Funding and Financing California Infrastructure in a Time of Economic Turmoil**  
Paul Rosenstiel – *Deputy Treasurer, Office of California Treasurer*
- 1:45 Bringing the Megaregion Together:  
Is There a New Approach to Infrastructure for Northern California?**
- Opening presentation
- Gabriel Metcalf – *Executive Director, SPUR*
- Panel discussion with:
- Andy Chesley – *San Joaquin Council of Governments*
  - Mike McKeever – *Sacramento Area Council of Governments*
  - Therese McMillan – *Metropolitan Transportation Commission*
  - Carol Whiteside – *Founder and President Emeritus, Great Valley Center*
- 2:45 Closing Conversation: Moving the Agenda Forward**
- Moderator: Hon. Earl Blumenauer, US House of Representatives (D-OR)
- Mike McKeever – *Sacramento Area Council of Governments*
  - Gabriel Metcalf – *SPUR*
  - Jim Wunderman – *Bay Area Council*
  - Robert Yaro – *Regional Plan Association*
- Audience Q&A
- 3:30 Adjourn**