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## **“Norman Y. Mineta Highway” Dedication Ceremony Honors Lifelong Work**

***Santa Clara County State Route 85 named for transportation expert***

**Silicon Valley, CA** – The California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and California State Assembly Speaker Pro-Tempore Sally Lieber welcomed former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta and dedicated Route 85 in his honor during a 10 a.m. ceremony at City Hall in Mountain View, near San Jose, earlier today.

Caltrans Director Will Kempton delivered the keynote message highlighting the outstanding accomplishments that have resulted from Mr. Mineta's work in the Bush and Clinton Administrations, as a United States Legislator in the House of Representatives, and on the San Jose City Council. Mr. Mineta currently works in the private sector with Hill and Knowlton, Inc.

The Mineta Transportation Institute's Executive Director, Dr. Rod Diridon and California Transportation Commissioner, Carl Guardino also attended the ceremony. They were joined by co-authors of the Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 25 that was passed to name the highway, community members, and elected officials from fifteen neighboring cities.

State Route 85 in Santa Clara County connects important South Bay cities. This corridor is a well-traveled route for both commuters and visitors alike. On average, more than 130,000 vehicles use the route each day. The highway was the last new freeway completed in Northern California and cost \$785 million dollars at that time. It first opened on October 19, 1984.

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