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Antelope Valley Transit Authority Encourages Students to Apply for Youth Summit in Washington, DC *Students to Learn the Positive Impact of Public Transportation on the Environment*

LANCASTER – The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) has announced that it is taking applications through April 22 for the *Generation Green on Board: A Youth Summit to Advance Public Transportation*. This summit, which will take place in Washington, DC from June 26-30, will offer participants the opportunity to spend five days in the nation’s capital meeting with lawmakers and congressional leadership—while learning first-hand the impact public transportation can have on their future and the future of America.

“This is a great opportunity to learn how public transportation creates livable communities, improves economic prosperity, and helps the environment,” said Norm Hickling, AVTA Chairman. “On behalf of the AVTA Board of Directors, we strongly encourage students throughout the Antelope Valley interested in making a difference to apply.”

Public transportation plays a vital role in helping our nation meet its national goals of reducing our carbon footprint and achieving energy independence. Every year, public transportation use in the United States saves 37 million metric tons of carbon emissions and 4.2 billion gallons gasoline.

According to APTA President William Millar, “This event will empower the participating teens to become environmental leaders and public transportation advocates. Additionally, the youth summit will highlight how public transportation is a green industry with many employment opportunities.”

To qualify for this all-expenses-paid summit, you must be a high school junior or senior in the 2011-2012 school year. Interested students and parents can find out more information or download an application at www.apta.com/youthsummit. Please note the application deadline has been extended to April 22.