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**Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters and Northeast Maglev
Announce Supportive Partnership**
Carpenters union endorses SCMAGLEV high-speed rail project planned for Northeast Corridor

Baltimore, Md. – Northeast Maglev, the company bringing the Superconducting Maglev (SCMAGLEV) high-speed train project to the Northeast Corridor, joined with the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, to announce a partnership offering the labor union’s support for the first phase of the multi-billion dollar project and the opportunities it will create for carpenters across the East Coast.

Flanked by local elected officials and community leaders, the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters touted the SCMAGLEV project as an innovative and critical project to stimulate America’s economy and put carpenters to work. The Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters represents 42,000 members in a region that includes the District of Columbia and states such as Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia.

The SCMAGLEV will start with a 36-mile route from Washington, D.C. to Baltimore City, with a stop at BWI Marshall Airport. Ultimately, one-hour service from Washington, D.C. to New York City will be available. The project is currently under review by federal, state and local agencies as the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Maryland Department of Transportation-Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT-MTA) prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Northeast Maglev Chairman and CEO Wayne Rogers called the partnership a significant step as momentum for the SCMAGLEV project continues to grow, adding: “When it is built, the SCMAGLEV will transform America’s Northeast Corridor. But we cannot get there alone. We are thrilled to be joined in this effort by the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, and look forward to growing a strong relationship with the region’s carpenters as we move through the permitting process and prepare to begin construction of the project’s first phase.”

Within the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, there are 11 training centers that currently train 1,800 Apprentice Carpenters in conjunction with numerous contractors to satisfy the workforce needs of the industry. Construction of the first phase of the Northeast Maglev project is expected to create 74,000 jobs in Maryland, and more than 100,000 construction jobs will be supported by the project across Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia.

William Sproule, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, said: “The Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters is excited to partner with Northeast Maglev on the Superconducting Maglev (SCMAGLEV) high-speed train project. Our members are the best trained and most skilled construction workers in the country and will ensure this project is built efficiently and safely. This project will not just be a great opportunity for the journeymen and apprentice carpenters of the North East region but also a monumental step in the future of infrastructure in the United States. With the COVID-19 pandemic creating a serious health and economic crisis for hard-working Americans, investment in infrastructure like this historic project will be the boost our economy needs while bringing our nation’s infrastructure into the 21st century.”

Northeast Maglev is continuing to work to engage members of local communities, listening to residents and addressing concerns while partnering with organizations that seek to maximize the benefits associated with bringing a high-speed train to the region.

In December, Northeast Maglev announced a supportive partnership with four Baltimore-Washington Corridor Chambers of Commerce including the Prince George’s Chamber of Commerce, Northern Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce, Baltimore City Chamber of Commerce, and Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce. A variety of organizations across the region have come out to support the Northeast Maglev project, including North America’s Building Trades Unions, Greater Baltimore Urban League, National Capital Baptist Convention, and the Maryland State Conference NAACP and four of its local branches: Prince George’s, Anne Arundel, and Baltimore Counties, and Baltimore City.

For more information about the Northeast Maglev project or to request a speaker in your community, visit www.northeastmaglev.com. To support the project, visit www.supportnortheastmaglev.com.

About Northeast Maglev: Northeast Maglev is a private, 100% U.S.-owned company working to promote the world’s fastest ground transportation system – the Superconducting Maglev (SCMAGLEV) – in the Northeast Corridor of the United States. The SCMAGLEV train is a safe and transformative transportation solution that will revolutionize how people live and work in the most congested region of the U.S. The first leg will provide 15-minute service between Baltimore and Washington, D.C., and ultimately one-hour service will be provided from Washington, D.C. to New York City. The Northeast Maglev is modeled on the Central Japan Railway SCMAGLEV project in operation since 1998. Learn more at www.northeastmaglev.com.

About Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters: The Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters represents 42,000 carpenters throughout Delaware, The District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Virginia, and West Virginia. Learn more at www.eascarpenters.org.

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