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Northeast Maglev Connects Local POC Leaders with Japan: A Journey of Innovation and Inclusion

Baltimore, Md. – Northeast Maglev, the company proposing the ultra-high-speed superconducting magnetic levitation (SCMAGLEV) train between Baltimore and Washington, D.C., will take a delegation to Japan to experience the SCMAGLEV firsthand. The participants are all leaders in prominent civic and business organizations that represent people of color (POC). The trip fosters cultural exchange and showcases cutting-edge transportation that could transform the Baltimore-Washington area and bring \$4 billion in investment and business opportunities for regional minority- and women-owned businesses.

The delegation is comprised of leading POC community figures who are pivotal in advancing economic development for minority businesses in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. This distinguished group includes Dr. Kobi Little, president of the Maryland State Conference NAACP; Anwar Young, Esq., general counsel for the Maryland State Conference NAACP; Tifani Fisher, president of the Allegany County NAACP and 3rd vice president of the Maryland State Conference NAACP; Marco Ávila, president of the Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Deborah Harrington, founder and CEO of Energy Audits and Green Solutions, LLC; Derrick Green, president of The Green Consultants; Adrian Harpool, principal of Adrian Harpool & Associates; and Paris Brown, associate publisher for *The Baltimore Times*.

The delegation will take a ride on the existing SCMAGLEV train, giving them first-hand experience on the revolutionary train and a deeper understanding of how these advancements can create new opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses in the region.

Additionally, one of the destinations for the group is Nagoya, Japan's third-largest city, renowned for its manufacturing heritage and historic architecture. There, they'll see how investment in the city's high-speed rail station spurred transit-oriented development (TOD) in the area, boosting the economy of the surrounding area. Once constructed, the Baltimore-Washington SCMAGLEV is expected to generate similar development in areas around its proposed stations.

More information about the project is available at northeastmaglev.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 between Washington, D.C. and New York City.

The project will bring 161,000 job years to the local economy, will reduce regional greenhouse gases, and provides a leading Diversity, Equity and Inclusion plan to bring work, wages, and wealth to affected communities.