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

**August 22, 2024, Baltimore, Md.** – Northeast Maglev, the company proposing the ultra-high-speed superconducting magnetic levitation (SCMAGLEV) train between Baltimore and Washington, D.C., recently took a delegation to Japan to experience the SCMAGLEV first-hand. The participants are all leaders in prominent civic and business organizations that represent people of color (POC). The trip fostered cultural exchange and showcased 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 was comprised of leading POC community figures who are pivotal in advancing economic development for minority businesses in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The distinguished group included 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, publisher for *The Baltimore Times*.

“We were honored to be able to share such an incredible experience with this group of transformational leaders. Crucially, they’re now able to speak to their lived experience when discussing the how the SCMAGLEV could benefit communities around the region,” says Bill Scott, president and COO of Northeast Maglev.

The delegation took 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. They also viewed the Kanagawa SCMAGLEV tunnel construction site. During their tour, they learned about how the tunnels are built, the technology used to power construction, and the strict safety standards the tunnels must adhere to.

Additionally, one of the destinations for the group was Nagoya, Japan's third-largest city, renowned for its manufacturing heritage and historic architecture. There, they saw 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](http://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.

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