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TEA-21 Conference Agreement Ready for Final Floor Votes

At 7:30 pm Eastern time, House and Senate negotiators on the surface transportation reauthorization bill completed final action on the \$286 billion conference agreement. Tonight's action capped a flurry of 11th-hour changes on projects and numerous other issues.

The conference report, which represents the final version of the bill as negotiated between House and Senate conferees, now goes to the House Rules Committee before going to the House floor. A final vote in the House is expected tonight, followed by votes in the Senate on Friday.

Details of the conference agreement, which runs several thousand pages, are not yet available. We will continue to keep a close eye on the situation in Washington and inform you of any major developments.

Congressional Forum on Social Security To Be Held At Metro Headquarters

Representatives Xavier Becerra (CA-31) and Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) will be hosting a Congressional Forum next week in Metro's Board Room on the future of the Social Security system. The event, to be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2005, will draw area Members of Congress and the general public. The forum is expected to focus on the different proposals regarding Social Security's future that are currently being debated by our federal representatives in Washington, D.C. The Congressional forum will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Metro Board Meeting News Coverage

Numerous media outlets attended today's Board meeting to cover Mayor Villaraigosa's first meeting as Board Chairman. The BRU also was in

attendance at today's meeting and told media representatives that Metro was raising fares. Media Relations staff informed the media that there was no proposal on the agenda, and that the recently approved FY06 budget contains no fare increase. Media attending the meeting included KABC-TV, KTTV, KBS-TV (Korean), KMEX-TV 34 and KRCA-TV 62 (Spanish), KFWB Radio, the Daily News, Los Angeles Times, and City News Service. NBC network news also attended and did an interview with Mayor Villaraigosa regarding transportation issues facing the region. The Los Angeles Times inquired as to the number of Board items Mayor Villaraigosa was conflicted on and the years he served on both the LACMTA and predecessor SCRTD Board of Directors. Stories are expected to air tonight.

New 2550 Rail Car Test Ride Event

Los Angeles Times, KNX Radio, Channels 2/9, 4, 7, 11, 24, 34, 54, KBS-TV, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Pasadena Star News, Korea Daily, Rafu Shimpo, International Daily News, Chinese Daily News, Sing Tao Daily, and Impacto USA covered this afternoon's inspection ride on the new 2550 AnsaldoBreda Inc. light rail vehicle. Metro and AnsaldoBreda executives and members of the Board joined the media at the Metro Gold Line Station downtown for the brief trip to showcase the vehicle's new features. The 2550 rail vehicle is the first of 50 Metro has ordered from the manufacturer to accommodate future growth of the Metro Rail System. The vehicles are first schedules to run on the Metro Gold Line in late 2005 or early 2006, as well as on the Eastside extension of the Metro Gold Line when it opens in late 2009.

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