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## **Metro Offers Alternatives To High Gas Prices**

A Metro Networks radio news reporter (KABC) interviewed Metro Public Relations staff today re: Metro's higher ridership in the wake of rising gas prices and other rideshare options available to the public including the school pool program.

## **High Fuel Costs**

The Daily News interviewed Metro staff today about the impact of the rising fuel prices as a follow-up to an earlier interview in late April about the cost of fuel purchased by Metro. Information that was presented at the Operations Committee Meeting yesterday was given to the reporter regarding the budget projections and fuel costs based on this week's rates. A story may appear this weekend.

## **Santa Fe Yards Joint Development Project**

The Downtown News is preparing a story regarding a proposed Metro joint development agreement with Polis/McGregor Santa Fe Yards, LLC covering approximately 2.7 acres of Metro-owned properties located at the Metro Red Line/Santa Fe Yards Maintenance of Way facility for the development of a mixed-use, apartment/retail complex. Artist renderings of the proposed project were provided to the reporter.

The Planning and Programming Committee, staff requested that the item be carried over to next month to assess the impacts relating to the lease/leaseback agreement.

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## **Federal Transportation Appropriations**

KFI radio interviewed Metro staff today regarding the recently approved transportation funding bill. Staff outlined the various transportation projects that received funding in the bill. Stories may air tonight and throughout the weekend.

## **Update on Contract Bus Services Labor Issue - Day 19**

Transportation Concepts, Inc made roll-out on time except for one vehicle on Line 218 which was 13 minutes late this morning due to a mechanical issue. The rest of the TCI pullout went smoothly. There were eight drivers and four teamster representatives on the picket lines. No incidents to report.

## **CEO Upcoming Meetings and Events**

Next week I will be meeting with: Supervisors' Antonovich and Yaroslavsky; Ron Deaton and Councilmember LaBonge; Directors Lowenthal, O'Connor and Roberts; Citizens Advisory Council Chair Roger Christiansen; Advanced Transit Vehicle Consortium Board Meeting

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