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State Legislature May Soon Consider an Infrastructure Bond

State Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata may soon introduce an infrastructure bond proposal. Senator Perata has held SB 1024 in the Senate for some time. Metro's advocacy team in Sacramento has learned that the Senator may introduce amendments to this measure in the coming days. We will keep the Board apprised of any new developments.

Metro Television Filming

Media Relations assisted KABC-TV today in filming Metro Buses and the New Metro Liner bus at Division 8 in the San Fernando Valley for use in Metro related stories. This was to update their video files to have current Metro Buses with proper logos.

Metro Gold Line Chinatown Station Joint Development

The Los Angeles Business Journal interviewed Metro Planning staff today regarding joint development at the Metro Gold Line Chinatown station. Staff reported that Metro's involvement is minimal as the Joint Powers Authority sold the property to Murillo Developer during actual construction of the Metro Gold Line. Access to the station will be provided through a pedestrian link as well as a community plaza. The story is expected to run next week.

Metro Fuel Costs And Budget Projections

The Los Angeles Times and Daily News today inquired if Metro fuel costs have exceeded budget projections. Public Relations staff told reporters that the cost for CNG, diesel and gasoline have, so far, exceeded budget projections. If fuel

continues to be purchased at today's rates, Metro will be \$6,431,000 over budget by the end of the fiscal year. Reporters were told the trend is worrisome and staff will closely monitor the budget and keep the Board apprised. Staff said at this point, there is no call for a fare increase. Metro's experience has been mirrored by other public agencies and trucking firms that the reporters have contacted.

Roadway Tunneling

The Los Angeles Times is working on a story on the prospect of roadway tunneling in Los Angeles County, including a recent proposal to construct a roadway tunnel from the Antelope Valley to the Glendale/La Canada area. Staff discussed its feasibility study for tunneling on the 710 Freeway, as well as tunneling projects on the Metro Red Line and Metro Gold Line Eastside Extensions. A release date for the story has not yet been determined.

Update on Contract Bus Services Labor Issue - Day 22

Transportation Concepts Inc. (TCI) made 100% on-time rollout on Saturday, Sunday, and this morning. There were eight drivers and four teamster representatives on the picket lines this morning. There have been no incidents between the TCI drivers and picketers

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