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First St. Now Master Plan Unveiling

I had the privilege of speaking along with Congress Member Lucile Roybal-Allard and L.A. City Council Member Jan Perry today at a press conference at City Hall to unveil Project Restore's "First St. Now" creating a transit-oriented and walkable urban corridor along the two mile-stretch of First Street between the Civic Center and Boyle Heights. Metro provided \$75,000 and Planning Department resources to the project, which closely integrates the agency's plans to build three Metro Gold Line light rail stations along the improvement corridor as part of the line's future extension into East Los Angeles. The Downtown News, California Real Estate Journal, Japanese Daily Sun and L.A. Weekly covered the event.

Ridership Up in FY05

Preliminary ridership figures are in and FY05 average weekday ridership is up 8% over FY 04 and 6% over FY03. This includes all bus and rail service. Rail experienced the greatest growth at 14%.

The FY04 work stoppage and switching from sampling data to Automated Passenger Counting data for buses make some comparisons less reliable but all indicators are that ridership is up and growing.

SB 851 Approved by the State Assembly

The State Assembly passed SB 851, Metro's sponsored bill relating to our procurement process, on a 66-0 vote. It will soon go to the Senate for a concurrence vote and then on to the Governor for signature.

Update on Contract Bus Services Labor Issue - Day 32

TCI made 100% on-time rollout again this morning. There were seven drivers and four teamster representatives on the picket lines. There were no incidents between the TCI drivers and picketers.

Of Note:

Ten years ago today building engineering and building services staff began moving in to the Gateway Headquarters building to test systems and prepare it for staffing moves as departments were consolidated from the 425 S. Main and 818 W. 7th Street buildings, a process that would begin September 15th and continue through December 12th, 1995.

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