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Regional Connector Board Discussion

Reporters with the Los Angeles Times and City News Service attended today's Planning and Programming Committee. Stories may appear tomorrow regarding discussions on a proposal to create a region connector through the Central Business District in Los Angeles.

Metro photo-less Student Fare Card a huge success

The new photo-less Metro Student Fare Card for students in grades K-12 has been a huge success, with sales of student stamps increasing by 45 percent. In July 2005, almost 29,000 student stamps were sold, compared to 20,000 a year ago.

With the new process, students no longer need to submit a special application, photo or pay a fee to get a student card. Monthly stamps can be purchased for \$20 at any Metro Customer Center, at one of the 700 vendors throughout the County, or at participating schools.

Special web site developed for Metro Orange Line

As part of Orange Line introduction a special section is being placed on Metro.net. The interactive site will enable visitors to click on various interest points to gather additional information. Pages will highlight the Orange Line and the Metro Liner vehicles, and also provide safety and how-to-ride information. While the section is not yet fully operational, you may sample the beta site at the following link:

http://www.metro.net/projects_programs/orangeline/images/oli_main.swf

Peak period bus lane on Lincoln Boulevard

Last night, the Santa Monica City Council unanimously approved a peak period bus lane on Lincoln Boulevard in Santa Monica. This will become the first on-street bus lane outside of the City of Los Angeles. The bus lane would be on weekdays only, on the east side of Lincoln Boulevard from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. between the south city limit and Grant Street, and on the west side of the street from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. between Pico Boulevard and the south city limit. As the affected lane is a state highway, these restrictions must be approved by the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) before implementation. This street is served by Big Blue Bus' new Rapid 3 service.

Link to staff report:

<http://santa-monica.org/cityclerk/council/agendas/2005/20050913/s2005091307-F.htm>

Update on Contract Bus Services Labor Issue - Day 45

Transportation Concepts Inc. had one outlate on Line 603 this morning. The vehicle had a mechanical issue which was fixed, but made the pullout seven minutes late. There were nine drivers and two teamster representatives on the picket lines. There were no incidents between the TCI drivers and picketers.

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