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Media Inquires About Consent Decree Meeting

The Daily News and City News Service may do short articles Thursday morning in advance of the special Board meeting on the Consent Decree. Staff went over agenda items and noted that the Board is being asked to authorize purchase of 200 new buses of which 194 would be high-capacity. If the Board takes this action, Metro will purchase the equivalent of 730 standard buses versus the 660 the Special Master has ordered in the past two years. Reporters say the BRU will argue these are largely replacement buses and Metro is actually cutting back service hours. Staff countered that Metro has expanded peak hour service by more than 25 percent since the Consent Decree was signed. Metro has implemented new pilot lines, Metro Rapid, new express service such as Line 577X on the Board agenda and the Metro Orange Line, which is debuting next month. The new Metro Liners and 45-foot COMPO buses will give Metro greater capacity on the street.

Anti-Terrorism Training Drill

Channels, 2/9, 7, 11, 34, 54, Daily Breeze, Chinese Daily News, and KFWB Radio covered this morning's anti-terrorism drill at the Metro Green Line Marine station. CNN Spanish Radio requested information by phone on the exercise. The objective of the drill was to demonstrate interagency cooperation and communication in responding to an explosion on board a light rail vehicle. Stories will follow today and tomorrow.

Metro Rideshare Program

Channel 22/52 interviewed staff regarding the Metro Rideshare Program, took video of the phone center and also spoke with a person who rideshares. The story will explain how many people are considering sharing the ride to work as an

alternative to the daily increase in the cost of the gasoline. The story will run tonight and tomorrow on both stations.

Go Metro To L.A. Home Show Oct. 7 to 9

Media Relations issued a news release today encouraging people to use the Metro System to visit this year's L.A. Home Show at the Los Angeles Convention Center in early October. Metro riders will receive 50 percent off admission price when they show a valid Metro Pass or Metro Rail ticket at the box office.

Update on Contract Bus Services Labor Issue - Day 51

Transportation Concepts Inc. (TCI) made 100% on-time rollout again this morning. There were six drivers and two teamster representatives on the picket lines. There were no incidents between the TCI drivers and picketers

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