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# Daily Brief

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## **Metro Orange Line Update**

Operations staff at Division 8 continues to train 3-4 operators a day. Over 150 operators have been trained to date along with eight Transit Operations Supervisors and at least 20 mechanics. Operations, Construction and the contractor continue to work together in meeting deadlines for testing and certification of the line for operation as well as planning for two emergency drills that will involve cooperation between police, fire, Metro staff and others. Beginning, October 16<sup>th</sup>, we will begin operating a simulated daily schedule in preparation for opening day.

## **Reserve the Dates**

### Ninth Annual Traffic Reporters' Luncheon and Golden Pylon Awards – Wednesday, September 28, 2005

The Ninth Annual Traffic Reporters' Luncheon and Golden Pylon Awards where the five county transportation agencies in Southern California, including Metro, honor traffic reporters who tirelessly promote ridesharing and the use of carpool lanes to ease congestion in the southland. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at 11:00 am and will be held at Maggiano's Restaurant in The Grove on West Third Street.

### Metro Orange Line Media Test Ride – Friday, September 30, 2005

Join us for a test ride on the Metro Orange Line's Metro Liner. During this ride, we will have one or two Metro Liners pass us along the route to give us the full "passenger" experience. This media event is scheduled for Friday, September 30 at 10:00 a.m. If you are planning to attend, please arrive a few minutes prior to 10:00 a.m. at the Metro Orange Line eastern terminus station at Lankershim and Chandler for the test ride to Warner Center and back.

### Big Rig Tow Media Event – Monday, October 3, 2005

Attend a media event for the first day of the Big Rig Towing service on the I-710

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Freeway. The Metro Freeway Service Patrol Big Rig Tow Service will operate 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday exclusively along an 18-mile stretch of the heavily congested I-710 Freeway. The new service is the first of its kind in the nation focused on freeway congestion caused by freight and goods movement. The event is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2005 at 10:00 am and will be held at the Los Angeles Intermodal Facility of the BNSF Railway Company at 4940 Sheila Street in Los Angeles.

#### UCLA Go! Metro Pass Press Event – Thursday, October 6, 2005

Metro and UCLA will announce the debut of the UCLA Go! Metro Pass program for UCLA students during the school's Transportation Fair held to commemorate Rideshare Week, which is October 3 to 7. The new Go Metro Pass gives UCLA riders the convenience of an unlimited Metro Bus and Metro Rail pass at significantly reduced fares. UCLA is the first major university campus to take advantage of our Institutional Pass Program. Students and employees may purchase this pass on quarterly basis. The event is scheduled for Thursday October 6, 2005 at 10:00 am and will be held at the UCLA's Bruin Plaza.

#### Mobility 21 – Coalition Meeting – Friday, October 7, 2005

Join the Mobility 21 Coalition in the San Fernando Valley and experience "The Metro Orange Line: From Concept to Reality" with LA County Supervisor and LACMTA Board Member Zev Yaroslavsky. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 7, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and will be held at the LA Valley College Monarch Hall. Preview tours of the Metro Orange Line alignment will be offered following the meeting. A "Save the Date" flyer is attached with additional information.

#### Mobility 21 – LA County Moving Together: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Countywide Transportation Summit – Monday, November 14, 2005

Join transportation, business, community leaders and elected officials to build consensus and take action to address Los Angeles County's transportation challenges. The summit is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2005 at 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. and will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center. This year's summit will focus on transportation's role in a vibrant economy, quality of life and homeland security. For more information visit <http://www.mobility21coalition.com/> Transportation – Moving Our Economy, Improving Our Quality of Life, and Keeping Us Safe.

#### **Update on Contract Bus Services Labor Issue - Day 55**

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

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