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Environmental Charges Against Metro

Media Relations responded to KNX radio today on charges filed by the Los Angeles City Attorney's Environmental Justice Section yesterday, October 18, 2005, regarding illegally discharging pollutants into the city's storm drain system from the Metro Red Line Vermont/Beverly Station. As I reported to you yesterday, the violations apparently occurred earlier this year during the heavy rain season and have since been corrected. Stories may air this afternoon on KNX radio.

Long Range Transportation Plan & Highway Improvements

A Los Angeles Times reporter attended today's Planning and Programming Committee Meeting. The reporter interviewed staff regarding updating the Long Range Transportation Plan and was given a status report. The reporter also interviewed members of the Planning and Programming Committee and a staff member concerning the status of state highway system improvements and the projected \$1.15 billion shortfall in funds due, primarily, to the rising costs of construction. The story is expected to appear in Thursday's editions of the Times.

Expo Light Rail Final EIR Community Meetings

A reporter with the Culver City News interviewed planning staff today regarding elements contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Exposition Light Rail Project. The weekly newspaper is preparing a story on the release of the document, the 45-day review period as well as three community open houses that will be held in early November to receive public comments on the FEIR/FEIS.

Universal Fare System/Transit Access Pass Demonstration Tomorrow In The Board Conference Room

You are invited to see a live demonstration of the Universal Fare System/Transit Access Pass tomorrow in the Board Conference Room area. The demo of Metro's smart card system, branded as TAP for Transit Access Pass, will include Metro's Universal Fare System fare box, Stand Alone Validator, and Hand Held Validator to show the interactive, dynamic processing of "taps" between devices. Metro staff and Cubic representatives will be available to answer questions.

A similar demonstration will be available at the Metro Orange Line Grand Opening. Ticket Vending Machines and Stand Alone Validators at both North Hollywood and Balboa stations will be activated for special live, "in service" demonstration.

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