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Final Negotiations Begins on Transportation Appropriations Bill

Earlier today, the House of Representatives moved to formally initiate a conference with the Senate on the FY2006 Transportation Appropriations bill. In doing so, the House appointed the entire membership of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee to serve as House conferees, along with the Chairman and Ranking Member of the full Appropriations Committee. In addition, the House rejected a "motion to instruct House conferees" -- a nonbinding directive usually offered by the minority -- that would have required House conferees to accept the Senate's \$1.4 billion funding level for Amtrak. With today's action, House and Senate conferees are expected to begin meeting to negotiate the final terms of the transportation spending bill with an eye towards completing a conference agreement within the next week or two.

Metro Holds Public Hearing On Santa Catalina Island

Media Relations distributed a news release today announcing a public hearing that will be held on Santa Catalina Island on Tuesday, November 15 to receive ideas and suggestions for meeting public transportation needs on the Island. Article 8 of the TDA stipulates that a proportional share of the sales tax revenue be allocated to areas in the County that do not have Metro service. Article 8 applies to approximately five percent of the County population that resides on the Santa Catalina Island as well as the Santa Clarita Valley and the Antelope Valley. Similar public hearings will be held later this month and in early December in Santa Clarita as well as Lancaster and Palmdale.

Tunnel Review Panel Preliminary Findings

The Park La Brea/Beverly Press newspaper inquired today regarding the preliminary findings of the APTA Peer Review Tunneling Panel. Media Relations staff provided the reporter with briefing information the panel provided to

executive staff and noted that the panel plans to present its final report before Metro's Executive Management/Audit and Construction Committees on Thursday, November 17.

Media Invited To Mobility 21 Conference

Metro, along with the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and the Auto Club issued a joint media advisory today regarding the upcoming Mobility 21 conference being held in Long Beach on Monday, November 14. The media is being invited to attend the conference as well as a planned 1 p.m. news conference with Mayor Villaraigosa and Long Beach Mayor Beverly O'Neill as well as other elected officials and executives from Metro, the LA Area Chamber of Commerce and the Auto Club.

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