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Metro Red Line Incident

The Metro Red Line experienced a delay in service this morning due to a trespasser on the trackway between the 7th Street/Metro Center Station and the Westlake/MacArthur Park Station. The incident occurred at approximately 7:49 a.m. The trespasser attempted to ignite a fire onboard a revenue train and when confronted by patrons, pulled the emergency door release on the moving train and exited in the tunnel between stations. The trespasser then refused the Operator's request to board the train. The trespasser escaped through an emergency escape hatch and was later apprehended by Metro Transit Security and arrested. There was a twenty-two minute service delay between Union Station and Westlake Station in both directions. Media Relations received calls from KTTV and Korean TV-24 regarding this morning's incident.

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension/ Los Angeles County Crematorium

Media Relations received inquired today from KCBS/KCAL and KNBC regarding a story in the Los Angeles Times on the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension and an incident that had occurred during construction when work crews uncovered partial and full skeletal human remains while working on the project. The reporters interviewed Metro staff today at the site and were told that following protocols, works stopped immediately and archeologist were brought in. The bones discovered have been excavated and are being examined and will be re-buried in the next several months in appropriate ceremonies. Stories are expected to air this afternoon.

Infrastructure Bond Measure Transportation Priorities

The Los Angeles Business Journal is writing a story on transportation projects that could be potential candidates for inclusion in an infrastructure bond proposal that is intended to raise tens of billions of dollars for public works projects across the state. Staff provided information on transportation projects included in the agency's short and long-range transportation plans, which include improvements to local bus service, expansion of the Metro Rapid System, light rail system, and carpool lanes. The story is expected to run next week.

Comments on the Exposition Light Rail Final EIR

Today, the Los Angeles City Council approved as amended the City's comments on the Exposition Light Rail Final EIR. Councilmember Parks introduced a motion that amended the comments to support a parking facility and joint development at the La Cienega Station but eliminated specific references to utilizing the City owned parcel, known as the ECIS site, at La Cienega Blvd. and Jefferson Blvd.

On Monday, November 21, the Culver City Council voted 4-1 in favor of certifying the Exposition Light Rail Final EIR and including both an aerial station and an at-grade station in the Right of Way for the Culver City station.

The deadline for Metro to receive public comments is next Monday, November 28.

Hollywood Christmas Parade

For the first time in its 77-year history, the Hollywood Christmas Parade will have an elected official as its Grand Marshall, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. The Mayor is urging people to ride Metro to the Sunday November 27 event. Metro will add extra train cars to all Metro Red Line trains on parade day. Trains will operate every 12 minutes to and from Hollywood from downtown Los Angeles and from the San Fernando Valley. Service will begin operating every 20 minutes at approximately 9 p.m. Additional buses will supplement lines servicing the Hollywood area as needed. Metro Bus Lines providing access to this year's parade route include Metro Lines: 2, 26, 156, 163, 180, 181, 210, 212 and 217.

A News Release with additional information is available at:
http://www.metro.net/press/2005/11_November/metro_166.htm

Of Note:

On this day in 1955, predecessor company Metropolitan Coach Lines put its "Snow White" coach into service between Downtown Los Angeles and Disneyland. As it pulled onto Main Street in front of Disney's City Hall, it was greeted by Walt Disney himself, the Mousekateers and a 16-piece band.

event was recorded on film, now lost. Disney Studio artists had transformed the bus exterior and interiors with a specially painted Snow White theme. LA-Disneyland bus service has operated continuously ever since Walt Disney first requested the rerouting of Los Angeles-Fullerton-Anaheim bus service to serve Disneyland for its opening day on July 17, 1955.

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