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Strategic Growth Initiative Press Conference

Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez and Mayor Villaraigosa are hosting a press conference on Friday, February 17 at 11:30 am at the North Hollywood Metro Red Line station. The purpose of the press conference is to urge the Governor to add more transit to his "Strategic Growth Plan".

Media Coverage Of Westside Extension Of Metro Red Line

A number of media outlets attended today's Executive Management and Audit Committee, chaired by Mayor Villaraigosa who received a staff report on the costs and timetable of constructing a Westside extension of the Metro Red Line to Santa Monica. Both Villaraigosa and Supervisor Burke were interviewed by the media regarding the staff report and funding needed to begin the project. Media attending today's committee meeting included KCBS/KCAL, KNBC, KABC, KTLA, Ch. 34, 52 and City News Service. Stories are expected to air throughout the day.

Metro Gold Line Express Service

The Los Angeles Times inquired today about Metro Gold Line Express Service, which debuted Monday. Staff reported that trains are running per the timetable schedule, getting express passengers between Pasadena and downtown Los Angeles in 29 minutes. Metro reported that Metro Gold Line riders are now adjusting their commute patterns to the new timetable. Some regularly scheduled train service is experiencing standing loads in the morning and afternoon peak periods. To better meet demand, Metro Rail Operations has introduced three-car trains on selected non-express trains during these peak periods. The story is expected to run in the next several days.

Metro Discounts And Deals

Media Relations distributed a news release today regarding a new web tool that has been created to make it easy for Metro riders to access discount information on our web page. The news release notes that a special area has been set up at <http://www.metro.net> where patrons can obtain the latest information on a variety of discounts and deals that are available to Metro customers.

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