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Consent Decree Update

Donald Bliss has tendered his resignation as special master in the consent decree litigation effective February 21, 2006. Mr. Bliss stated in a letter to Judge Hatter that he has been appointed as United States Representative on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, with the rank of ambassador. He will be moving to Montreal, Canada.

State Assembly Speaker Nunez Meets with Transportation Agency CEOs

Earlier today in Sacramento State Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez met with me and a number of Chief Executive Officers for major transit agencies from across the state. The meeting was held to discuss the need for transit funding in the infrastructure bond measures presently being considered in Sacramento. The discussions focused on the need to include funds for new transit projects, system rehabilitation and transit security needs. I was specifically requested to provide a perspective of the transportation challenges and opportunities in Los Angeles County. Meeting participants also discussed the need to protect Proposition 42 funds, including allocating more of these funds to transit. During the day I was also able to meet with State Senator Kevin Murray who is serving as Chairman of the Infrastructure Bond Conference Committee.

FTA New Starts Projects Quarterly Review Meeting

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts Projects Quarterly Review Meeting was held today at the Gateway building. Leslie Rogers, FTA Regional Administrator highlighted significant national transportation events and reported that ridership nationally is up 3.5%. John Catoe and Metro staff provided an update on current Metro activities, including labor negotiations, Consent Decree, Metro Gold Line Eastside project, Mid-City/Exposition project, safety/security

issues, the 2550 Rail Vehicle Program and Metro Orange Line safety enhancements.

Metro Gold Line Express Service Radio Interview

Metro Rail Operations did an interview today on KPCC's news program "Airtalk with Larry Mantle" focusing on the new Metro Gold Line Express Service. Staff reported that Metro is closely monitoring express and regularly scheduled train service, and has added additional cars to selected morning and afternoon trains to alleviate overcrowding. In response to questions about slow train speeds, staff reported that there are several PUC-required speed restrictions on portions of the Metro Gold Line alignment, which prohibit faster service. Metro will continue to look for ways of improving Metro Gold Line service based on public feedback.

March Service Sector Meetings

Media Relations distributed a news release today announcing the upcoming Metro Service Sector Governance Council Meetings scheduled for March. Residents and Metro riders interested in helping to improve Metro Bus service in their communities are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings.

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