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Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension – Review Advisory Committee

A meeting was held last night at the East Los Angeles Civic Center Library for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Community Review Advisory Committee. Metro staff presented a Project update which included: Design/Construction progress, a briefing on the May 3rd Board decision to approve the funding plan to rebuild Ramona Opportunity high School at the Indiana Station site and information for the next Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting that will be held on May 25.

Governor Issues May Revision to the State Budget

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released his May Revision to the State Budget. In his budget proposal, the Governor is maintaining the commitment to fully fund Proposition 42 for this year and to begin to repay the outstanding Proposition 42 loans by allocating \$920 million to repayment. These funds would be allocated to the State Transportation Improvement Program and to cities and counties for street and road repair. However, despite this positive news, the May Revision contains a proposal that is troubling for public transit. The Governor is proposing to use future Public Transportation Account (PTA) Spillover funds to repay portions of the transportation bond assuming its passage at the November election. This proposal raises a serious policy concern with respect to the use of transit funds to repay bonds for highway projects. It also has the potential to raise a legal question as to the lawfulness of using PTA revenues to pay a General Fund obligation. Staff raised concerns with this proposal to the Administration on a statewide conference call today and will be

working with the Legislature to protect public transit funds as the Legislature begins deliberations on the State Budget.

Downtown News Construction Story

A reporter with the Downtown News interviewed Metro Construction staff to get an update on the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension construction project. Staff gave an overview of the project and explained the tunneling operation that is taking place under Mariachi Plaza and how the two tunnel boring machines work underground. The information will be part of a global story on downtown construction project developments to be published May 27.

Go Metro To NBA Playoffs This Weekend

Media Relations issued a news release today encouraging fans attending the NBA playoff games between the Los Angeles Clippers and the Phoenix Suns tonight and on Sunday at Staples Center to take the Metro System to avoid parking and traffic hassles.

Bike Commute Week Relay Set For Monday May 15

Media Relations today distributed a media advisory for Monday's Bike Commute Week press event with Supervisor Yaroslavsky and LA City Council member Wendy Greuel, which is expected to draw more than 100 bicyclists for a relay ride on the Metro Orange Line bike path. Metro is sponsoring activities throughout the week including free rides on Metro buses and trains on Thursday, May 18, Bike To Work Day.

Public Hearing on FY07 Budget

Metro staff also was interviewed about the event today by a Metro Networks radio reporter who also asked about the May 17 public hearing on the draft FY 07 budget and about what LA County may receive for street, highways and transit funding if voters approve the Strategic Growth Initiative state bonds in November.

Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events

Next week, I will be meeting separately with Councilmember Jack Weiss; Mayor Villaraigosa; and Directors Fasana, Lowenthal and Najarian. I will also be attending the Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition Meeting and Regionwide CEO Meeting.

Of Note

On May 13, 1934 predecessor company Los Angeles Railway (1911-1944)

introduced a \$1.00 day pass on all of its \$0.07 base fare local streetcar and bus lines.

On May 14, 1904 Sunset Boulevard opened to traffic and predecessor company Pacific Electric (1901-1953) Red Cars.

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