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Ara Najarian Becomes Newest Metro Board Member

Media Relations issued a news release today announcing Metro's newest Board member, Ara Najarian, will be sworn in at the Metro Board meeting on May 25. He replaces former Lancaster Mayor and Metro Board Chairman Frank Roberts, who is retiring. Najarian represents the North County and San Fernando Valley Sector, which includes the cities of Burbank, Glendale, Lancaster and Palmdale. Najarian was elected to the Glendale City Council in April, 2005.

Metro Plans Workshops to Help Cities and the County Access Funds

Last week, Countywide Planning and Development sent out invitations to all local agencies to attend our annual workshops on the federally required processes necessary to access certain types of federal funds. The workshops, scheduled for June 20-22, 2006 at Metro Gateway Headquarters, are tailored to help local agencies better understand the requirements for the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), the Surface Transportation Program - Local (STP-L), and the annual Caltrans Obligation Plan needed for reserving Obligation Authority before the end of the federal fiscal year. For the first time this year, Countywide Planning will be offering an advanced workshop on June 27, 2006 at Metro Gateway Headquarters, specifically geared toward assisting local agencies in resolving programming issues that go beyond the scope of the RTIP/STP-L workshops. In addition, Countywide Planning has extended an open invitation to all local agencies to accommodate them with a more individualized workshop at their request.

Mobility 21 Coalition to Hold its Next Meeting

The Mobility 21 Coalition will meet on Friday, June 2, 2006 from 9:00 am to 11:00 at Luminarias Restaurant. The meeting will focus on two important issues: 1) The status of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension, and 2) the Highway

Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 that was recently passed by the California State Legislature and slated to be placed on the November statewide ballot. Invited speakers include: Congresswoman Roybal-Allard, Assembly Speaker Nunez, Los Angeles County Supervisor Molina and Mayor Chu of City of Monterey Park.

The Mobility 21 Coalition is a countywide organization led by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, and its strategic partner, the Automobile Club of Southern California. Since its creation in 2002, Mobility 21 has brought together key transportation stakeholders in Los Angeles County, including businesses, transportation providers, elected officials and community organizations to enhance our bus, rail and highway network.

Bike To Work Week Press Event

Numerous media outlets attended today's Bike to Work Week press event at the Winnetka Station of the Metro Orange Line in the San Fernando Valley. Stories are expected to air later today and tonight on the event where more than 100 students, seniors, costume characters, police and other bicyclists took part in a two mile relay ride. Media attending the event included KABC-TV, KTTV-TV, Ch. 34, La Opinion, Daily News and LA Times.

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