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Supervisor Molina Becomes New Board Chair July 1st

Media Relations distributed a news release today announcing that effective July 1st Supervisor Gloria Molina will become the new Chair of Metro's Board of Directors. City News Service inquired about the release and plans to run a story later today.

House Passes SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Bill

The U.S. House of Representatives moved today to adopt H.R. 5689 (Don Young, R-AK), a SAFETEA-LU technical corrections bill. The legislation would amend SAFETEA-LU, the national surface transportation reauthorization bill that was signed into law by President Bush in August of 2005. H.R. 5689 largely amends technical errors that were included in the original law. Government relations staff will closely monitor the status of efforts to consider similar legislation in the U.S. Senate. Presently, the U.S. Senate has not announced any plans to consider a SAFETEA-LU technical corrections bill during the remainder of the 109th Congress. For more information, please refer to [H.R. 5689](#).

State Legislature Passes Budget

As reported in yesterday's Daily Brief, the State Budget contained significant new revenues for transportation. The following outlines the allocation of funds to California's transportation system:

1. FY 2006-07 Proposition 42 Allocation - Consistent with the Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's original January Budget proposal, the final Budget Act includes full allocation of \$1.4 billion in Proposition 42 funds. These funds will be distributed as follows:

- \$678 million to the Traffic Congestion Relief Program;

- \$594 million to the State Transportation Improvement Program; and

- \$148 million to the Public Transportation Account.

Normally cities and counties would be eligible for street and road repair funds. However, local governments received monies for this purpose in a previous budget agreement, and in so doing agreed to forfeit their allocation in the 06-07 Fiscal Year.

2. Proposition 42 Repayment - The Governor previously proposed to repay \$920 million in outstanding Proposition 42 loans. To date, the General Fund has borrowed over \$2 billion in Proposition 42 funds. The Legislature recommended reducing this amount earlier this year with recent budget negotiations centering on the desire to pay-down outstanding debt. With this in mind, the final budget approved by the Legislature actually increases the amount of funds that will be used to repay Proposition 42 to a total of \$1.4 billion. These funds will be allocated in the following manner:

- \$315 million to the Traffic Congestion Relief Program;

- \$440 million to the State Transportation Improvement Program;

- \$440 million to cities and counties for street and road repair; and

- \$220 million to the Public Transportation Account.

A summary of the full [Proposition 42 allocation](#) from the State Budget is linked.

3. Public Transportation Account (PTA) Spillover Revenue – In January the Governor proposed to use PTA Spillover revenue to repay the transportation bond slated for the November ballot. Metro's advocacy team raised strong objections to this proposal and asserted that not only should the funds be allocated to transit agencies as required by law, but they should also be allocated in a manner that would provide greater operating assistance. As reported in previous briefs, the Government Relations team was able to secure an increase in the amount of funds that will be allocated to transit operators. Of the \$343 million in Spillover funds available for the 06-07 Fiscal Year, \$248 million will be distributed to transit agencies through the State Transit Assistance formula.

City of Beverly Hills' Mass Transit Committee Recap

This past Saturday, I attended the City of Beverly Hills' Mass Transit Committee meeting, at their request, to discuss Metro's planning process and transportation alternatives for the Westside, including a possible extension of the subway. The

meeting was followed by a day-long tour of the Metro Red Line and Wilshire Rapid Bus. The Committee was created by Mayor Steve Webb to advise the Council on possible station locations in Beverly Hills for a future Westside subway extension. The Committee members seemed to be impressed with the system including the level of service, ridership, the cleanliness and design of stations, and security including the visible presence of Sheriff's deputies and fare inspectors.

New Metro Bus Service Debuts July 1st

Media Relations was also contacted by the *Los Angeles Daily News* today for details on the new link between the Metro Orange Line and the year-old National Park Service ParkLINK Shuttle, with stops in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and at three Malibu beaches. New service on Line 161 will link the Orange Line with the Park Service shuttle four times a day on weekends and holidays. The story is expected to run prior to the new service debut July 1.

July Sector Governance Council Meetings

Media Relations issued a news release today to community newspapers noting the upcoming July monthly service sector governance council meetings.

Of Note

On June 28, 1984, a work stabilization agreement was reached with the County Building and Construction Trades Council AFL-CIO to prevent labor disputes during Metro Rail construction.

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