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## **Governor's Small Business Assistance Program**

As reported in Friday's Daily Brief, Governor Schwarzenegger announced the creation of a program to assist small businesses participating in highway and public transportation projects. This program has many elements such as the creation of new position in Business Transportation and Housing to assist small businesses and the expansion of a program used by District 7 to encourage small business participation. The program also includes the creation of a State Transportation Bonding Guarantee Program which will assist small businesses including Disadvantage Business Enterprises attempting to compete on transportation projects.

The Bond Guarantee program will use \$40 million from the FY07 Public Transportation Account Spillover funds and will sunset in 10 years. The PTA funds are to be repaid when the program sunsets. LA County would lose about \$7 million based on how we currently understand the program to be structured. Caltrans staff have indicated that they intend to pull funds from the Spillover in the same manner that Spillover was allocated this year: 80% would come from the State Transit Assistance Account and 20% would come from the STIP. Government Relations staff have been working with Legislative leadership and the California Transit Association to explore options to minimize the impact of this proposal. One option would be to modify the way in which funds would be taken out of the PTA so that more funds come from the STIP than from the STA. This would accomplish two objectives. First it would reduce the overall loss of funds to the County. Second it would minimize the impact to the region's operating funds.

The next step in the process is that the Administration will submit legislative language for consideration by the Legislature in August. Staff will continue to monitor the development of this program and will keep the board informed of any new developments.

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## **Metro Service Sector Public Hearings**

Media Relations distributed a news release this afternoon noting four upcoming public hearings scheduled for early August by four of the five Metro Service Sectors. The public is encouraged to attend the public hearing in their community to provide input on proposed service changes and service improvements planned for implementation in December.

[http://www.metro.net/news\\_info/publichearings/notice\\_of\\_public\\_hearing\\_0806.htm](http://www.metro.net/news_info/publichearings/notice_of_public_hearing_0806.htm)

## **Reserve the Date/Upcoming Events**

Eastside Extension Construction Community Meeting – Monday July 24, 2006

A community meeting will be held Monday, July 24 for Little Tokyo/Arts District residents. The meeting will outline street closures and other activities expected to occur as part of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension in the vicinity of First and Vignes streets. The meeting will be held in the Metro Board Room at Gateway Headquarters beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Route 710 Tunnel Feasibility Study at Alhambra City Council – Monday July 24, 2006

The Route 710 Tunnel Feasibility study is scheduled to be presented at the Alhambra City Council meeting which starts at 7 p.m. on Monday July 24.

Route 710 Tunnel Feasibility Study Community Meeting – Tuesday July 25, 2006

Metro staff has scheduled a second community meeting to present the findings of the Route 710 Tunnel Feasibility Technical Assessment. This meeting will be held on Tuesday July 25 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the El Sereno Senior Citizen Center located at 4818 Klamath Place (at Eastern Avenue) in Los Angeles.

Wilshire/Western Groundbreaking – Wednesday July 26, 2006

KOAR Wilshire Western, LLC is planning a groundbreaking media event for the newest transit-oriented development (TOD) on the Metro Red Line at the Wilshire/Western Station. The event will take place on the street level of the station, located at 3775 Wilshire Blvd. from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday July 26. The Wilshire/Western development will contain approximately 186 condominium units on 22 stories, 40,000 square feet of retail space, 570 parking spaces and a 12-space bus layover facility. The project is a joint development between Metro and KOAR Wilshire Western, LLC and scheduled to open in mid-2008.

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Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension RAC Ad-Hoc Committee – Thursday July 27, 2006

The next meeting of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Review Advisory Committee (RAC) Ad-Hoc Subcommittee is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday July 27 at the Boyle Heights Senior Citizen Center located at 2839 E. 3rd Street in Los Angeles.

Route 710 Tunnel Feasibility Study at Pasadena City Council – Monday August 14, 2006

The Route 710 Tunnel Feasibility study is scheduled to be presented at the Pasadena City Council meeting which starts at 6:30 p.m. on Monday August 14.

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension RAC Ad-Hoc Committee – Thursday August 24, 2006

The August meeting of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Review Advisory Committee (RAC) Ad-Hoc Subcommittee is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday August 24 at the Boyle Heights Senior Citizen Center located at 2839 E. 3rd Street in Los Angeles.

Mobility 21 Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday August 30, 2006

The Mobility 21 Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 30 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the board room of the LA Area Chamber of Commerce located at 350 South Bixel Street in Los Angeles.

FTA Quarterly Review – Wednesday August 30, 2006

The FTA New Starts Projects Quarterly Review meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 30, 2006 at 10 a. m. in the Metro Gateway Conference Room.

Route 710 Tunnel Feasibility Study at La Canada Flintridge City Council – Tuesday September 5, 2006

The Route 710 Tunnel Feasibility study is scheduled to be presented at the La Canada Flintridge City Council meeting which starts at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday September 5.

CalACT Autumn Conference – Wednesday September 27 to Friday September 29

The California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT) Autumn

Conference is scheduled at the Hilton Burbank Airport and Convention Center from Wednesday September 27 to Friday September 29. Supervisor Molina and Mayor Villaraigosa have been invited and responses are pending.

#### I-710 Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday September 28, 2006

The next meeting of the I-710 Executive Committee is scheduled for Thursday September 28 following the Metro Board meeting.

#### Exposition Light Rail Groundbreaking – Friday September 29, 2006

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Exposition Light Rail project will be Friday, September 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to mark the start of the Exposition Light Rail construction. Expo staff will send invitations at a later date containing specific details.

#### Mobility 21 Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday October 4, 2006

The Mobility 21 Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 4 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the board room of the LA Area Chamber of Commerce located at 350 South Bixel Street in Los Angeles.

#### APTA Annual Meeting – Sunday October 8 to Wednesday October 11, 2006

The APTA Annual Meeting will be held in San Jose, CA. from Sunday October 8 to Wednesday October 11. Metro will receive the transit agency of the year award as the best public transportation authority in the country on Tuesday October 10.

#### Mobility 21 Annual Summit – Monday October 30, 2006

The 2006 Mobility 21 Summit is scheduled for Monday October 30 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sheraton Universal Hotel located at 333 Universal Hollywood Drive in Universal City.

#### **Of Note**

On this date in 1951, Governor Earl Warren signed a bill creating the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (LAMTA), the first publicly governed transit planning agency for Los Angeles. The LAMTA initially focused on planning a monorail-based mass transit system to replace what remained of the Pacific Electric and Los Angeles Railway systems. LAMTA would go on to become the region's first publicly governed transit operator on March 3, 1958 serving Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange counties. Weak powers and a desire for improved elected representation on its board led to LAMTA's replacement by

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predecessor agency Southern California Rapid Transit District (1964-1993) in  
September 1964.

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