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Westside Traffic Congestion

KABC Channel 7 interviewed Metro staff today as follow-up on a story about worsening Westside traffic that appeared in Sunday's *Los Angeles Times*. Staff discussed a number of efforts Metro has implemented to help reduce area congestion, including Metro Rapid Lines, higher capacity buses and High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes. The story is expected to run this afternoon.

Mobility 21 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

The Mobility 21 Executive Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 350 South Bixel Street, Los Angeles. The meeting will discuss the planning of the annual Mobility 21 Summit, the upcoming Coalition meeting and a state and federal legislative briefing. Gary Toebben, the Chamber's new President and CEO will attend the meeting for the first time.

Reserve the Date/Upcoming Events

Denmark's Minister of Transport and Energy to Visit Metro – Tuesday August 29, 2006

Denmark's Minister of Transport and Energy, H.E. Flemming Hansen, will visit Metro on Tuesday, August 29th to learn about Los Angeles County's rail and bus programs. Executive staff will make a presentation and provide a tour of a number of our rail lines. This briefing will be held at 8:30 a.m. in Metro's Union Station conference room on the 3rd floor. E-mail invitations have been sent; Metro Board Members are welcome to attend.

FTA Deputy Administrator Bushue to Visit Metro – Tuesday August 29, 2006

FTA Deputy Administrator Sandy Bushue will visit Metro on Tuesday August 29th. Executive staff and I will brief Ms. Bushue from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and then tour the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension and the Metro Orange and Red Lines. E-mail invitations have been sent; Metro Board members are welcome to attend the briefing.

Mobility 21 Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday August 30, 2006

See details above.

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. The agenda includes FTA opening remarks, 2550 Rail Vehicle Program and a construction project management overview with reports on the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension and the Mid-City/Exposition LRT Project.

Congressman Joe Knollenberg to Visit Metro – Wednesday August 30, 2006

Congressman Joe Knollenberg (R-MI) will visit Metro on the afternoon of August 30th for a 1:30 pm briefing following a morning tour of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The congressman is a member of the House Appropriations Committee and the chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, and the District of Columbia. E-mail invitations have been sent; Metro Board Members are welcome to attend the 1:30 p.m. briefing.

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.

Rio Hondo College Student Pass Event – Thursday September 7, 2006

Rio Hondo College, in partnership with Metro, Foothill Transit, and Norwalk Transit, will unveil an innovative new transit program called "Go Rio." on Thursday September 7, 2006 at 10 a.m. in parking lot 1 of Rio Hondo College located at 3600 Workman Mill Road in Whittier. The "Go Rio" transit pass will be available for the start of the fall semester and will allow full-time students transit access to and from the college campus for free. The pilot program

takes advantage of a form of Metro's Institutional Pass Program, which enable institutions to negotiate fare media arrangements for a specific term such as a semester or quarter.

Mobility 21 Coalition (Westside) – Tuesday September 12, 2006

The next Mobility 21 Coalition Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 12 at the Kirk Douglas Theatre located at 9820 Washington Blvd. in Culver City. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Coalition Meetings attract over 200 people interested in transportation from the host area. This meeting will focus on the Metro Expo Line, The Highway, Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 and transportation developments in the Westside.

Exposition Construction Authority Downtown Corridor Pre-Construction Meetings – Wednesday September 13, 2006

The Exposition Construction Authority is holding two pre-construction meetings for the downtown corridor (Flower Street) on Wednesday September 13, 2006 in the Main Hall of the Felices Dias Adult Day Health Care Center at 2309 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007. The first meeting, for business merchants, will be held for 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The second meeting, for the community, will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. At these meetings, Expo staff will discuss the Flower Street utility relocation activities, timeline, traffic plan and mitigation measures that will be implemented during construction of the project.

Strategy Institute's Transportation Solutions Summit – Wednesday and Thursday September 13 and 14, 2006

The Strategy Institute is conducting a two day Transportation Solutions Summit on Strategies for Relieving traffic Congestion. This summit will be held on Wednesday September 13 and Thursday September 14 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel located at 506 South Grand Avenue in downtown Los Angeles. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa will give the luncheon keynote address on Wednesday at 12 pm. I will give the luncheon keynote address on Thursday at 12 pm. Carol Inge, Chief Planning Officer, will also be speaking on a panel on Thursday at 4:15 pm.

Traffic Reporters Luncheon and Golden Pylon Awards – Wednesday September 20, 2006

This annual Event is scheduled for Wednesday September 20, 2006 at the Saddle Ranch Chop House Universal City Walk location from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Transit agencies throughout Southern California will recognize television and radio traffic reporters for their dedication to keeping Southland

traffic moving. The “Golden Pylon” awards luncheon kicks off the Annual Rideshare Week Oct. 2 – 6. Rideshare Week is a statewide campaign to reduce solo driving on the state’s congested streets and freeways.

Bus Roadeo – Saturday September 23, 2006

The 31st annual Metro Bus Roadeo, hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Service Sector, will be held on Saturday, September 23, at Santa Anita Race Track at Gate 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Preliminary qualifying events are scheduled from September 13 to 16. The event will include competitions in bus operations and maintenance and features food, entertainment, exhibits, a car show and more. All Metro employees and their families are welcome.

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. CalACT is the forum for the smaller transportation providers in California as well as the non-profit agencies who transport persons with disabilities and seniors. Metro is a member of CalACT because, as the RTPA and the agency responsible for scoring Federal Section 5310 grant applications, we work with the non-profits and the Prop A city programs to help them provide more efficient and effective transportation service to their citizens.

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

The next meeting of the I-710 Executive Committee is scheduled for Thursday September 28 in the Board Room at 1:30 p.m. following the Metro Board meeting.

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension RAC Ad-Hoc Committee – Thursday September 28, 2006

The September meeting of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Review Advisory Committee (RAC) Ad-Hoc Subcommittee is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday September 28 at the Alpine Recreation Center located at 817 Yale Street in Los Angeles.

Exposition Light Rail Groundbreaking – Friday September 29, 2006

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Exposition Light Rail project will be Friday, September 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to mark the start of the Exposition Light Rail construction. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Expo staff will send invitations at a later date containing specific details on the event.

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.

Night of Stars – Friday October 20, 2006

This annual event honors Metro's best operators and mechanics and will be held starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday October 20 at the Marina del Rey Marriott located at 4100 Admiralty Way in Marina del Rey.

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension RAC Ad-Hoc Committee – Thursday October 26, 2006

The October meeting of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Review Advisory Committee (RAC) Ad-Hoc Subcommittee is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday October 26 at the Boyle Heights Senior Citizen Center located at 2839 E. 3rd Street in Los Angeles.

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. U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer has confirmed as the keynote speaker.

California Transit Association Annual Fall Conference & Exposition – Tuesday November 7 to Thursday November 9, 2006

The California Transit Association's 41st Annual Fall Conference & Exposition will be held from Tuesday November 7 to Thursday November 9 at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach & Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center.

Of Note

On this day in 1901, Division 6 on Sunset Avenue in Venice opened as Pacific Electric's Pacific Park Car House. The Division operated rail service for 48 years until

it was switched to bus operations in 1950. The 3.13 acre Division celebrated its 100th year of transit service in 2001 with 68 buses serving five lines.



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