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Patsaouras Transit Plaza to Close Temporarily for Re-Paving

Patsaouras Transit Plaza will be closed from Monday, September 11th through Monday, September 25th for repairs and repaving. This ten-day period, which will be known as Phase One of a two phase project, will begin at 9:00am on September 11th to allow for an avoidance of morning traffic. Fliers will be posted throughout the Plaza detailing the closure and directing patrons to alternate boarding locations. Metro Bus Operations Control staff will also be on-hand to assist operators and customers throughout the first day of construction.

The repaving work, which will be conducted by ProLogis (formerly Catellus), will consist of paver removal and repair at the top of the Plaza's bus ramp in Phase One. Phase Two will include spot repairs, as necessary, and the repaving of other areas of the bus plaza. Closure dates for phase two of the repaving project have not yet been determined. However, patrons, Board Members and Gateway and Union Station employees will be notified as soon as this information has been finalized.

Metro Federal Advocate to Visit Los Angeles

Steve Palmer, Vice President of Van Scoyoc Associates in Washington, D.C. and a key member of Metro's federal advocacy team, will be in Los Angeles September 20th-21st. Mr. Palmer will participate in September's Executive Management and Audit Committee meeting. In addition, he will also be available to meet individually with Board members on Wednesday, September 20th to discuss the status of Metro's federal legislative agenda and to review the current

and anticipated climates on Capitol Hill. Over the next few days, Board members and staff will be contacted to arrange meetings with Mr. Palmer.

Prop C Refunding Bonds Sold

Last week, Metro sold its first bond issue following the agency's recent credit rating upgrade (["AAA" to "AA" by Standard and Poor's](#)). As a direct result of the improved rating, the refunding of our Prop C bonds achieved a savings of \$5.7 million. \$2.3 million in savings was originally estimated at the time of Board approval in July. As a result of our strong credit rating and favorable market conditions, a Metro high of 10 bids were received. A syndicate, led by Merrill Lynch, was the low bidder with a rate of 4.37075%.

Fifth Anniversary of 9-11

The *Daily News* is preparing a story to run next week on the Fifth Anniversary of 9-11 to highlight the region's efforts to improve safety at major airports and transportation hubs. John Cato, Commander Dan Finkelstein and I were all interviewed today by the paper. We outlined the aggressive action taken by Metro and the Board to improve the network's safety systems including the installation of pan-tilt-zoom cameras at Metro Rail stations and the training of over 10,000 Metro employees in transit terrorism awareness.

Metro Buses to be Detoured for Los Angeles Triathlon this Sunday

Media Relations distributed a [news release](#) today noting various Metro Bus service delays and detours that will be implemented this Sunday, September 10th during the running of the 7th Annual Los Angeles Triathlon. The detours will occur in areas throughout the communities of downtown Los Angeles, Echo Park, Hollywood, Fairfax, West Los Angeles and Venice. Because the 31-mile course runs throughout the city, many Metro Bus lines will also experience service delays. Signs will be posted at impacted to direct passengers to the nearest alternative boarding location. Brochures have also been prepared and placed on board Metro buses detailing the service delays and detours.

Labor Contract Training Underway

As of August 14th Metro has held three mandatory training sessions for Operations' Managers to outline the provisions of the agency's new contracts with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) and the United Transportation Union (UTU). Union leaders (including Neil Silver of ATU and James Williams of UTU) and shop stewards also participated in the first few sessions.

The weekly four-hour sessions are opened by Metro's chief labor negotiator John Catoe, who describes how the "interest-based negotiations process" helped the negotiating teams develop a respect for each other that was sustained throughout the duration of the bargaining period. Training material is then presented by Richard Hunt (Metro's San Fernando Valley Service Sector General Manager and member of the negotiating team) and Gayland Moffat, Metro's labor relations consultant. All attendees receive a large binder of information containing training materials and a legal version of the new contracts.

To date, 370 people have attended the Labor Contract Training Sessions including:

- Service sector general managers
- Transportation and maintenance managers
- Transportation and maintenance assistant managers
- Transit Operations supervisors
- Equipment maintenance specialists
- Union representatives and others.

When contract training concludes this month, approximately 700 people will have participated. Similar sessions have also been scheduled for Metro managers who supervise employees of the Transportation, Communications International Union (TCU).

Mobility 21 Coalition Meeting Agenda

The quarterly meeting of the [Mobility 21 Coalition](#) will be held next Tuesday, September 12th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Kirk Douglas Theater (9820 Washington Boulevard) in Culver City. This Westside meeting is set discuss the Metro Mid-City/Exposition Line, the Highway, Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, and other transportation developments in the area. Assemblyman Paul Koretz (D-West Hollywood), Director Pam O'Connor and Billie Greer, Director of the Los Angeles Office of Governor Schwarzenegger, are confirmed to address the Coalition. Over 200 invitees have already confirmed their attendance.

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