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Press Coverage of the Consent Decree Hearing

Reporters from the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Daily News* and City News Service (CNS) covered today's Consent Decree hearing with Judge Terry Hatter, Jr. CNS later issued a wire service story which noted that a written decision is expected by October 26th. The article presented arguments by both Metro and the Bus Riders Union but noted that last year Special Master Donald Bliss deemed Metro to be "mostly in compliance." The story also quoted Chair Gloria Molina and I as saying that Metro would "not turn back the clock" after the Consent Decree expires or undo the improvements that we have made in the past decade to improve bus service.

Suspicious Package Left at Metro Blue Line Station

Metro Blue and Red Line service was disrupted this afternoon following the discovery of a suspicious package at the 7th Street/Metro Center Station. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad (LASD) responded to the scene. Upon LASD arrival, it was determined that the unattended package was vibrating which constituted the package to be suspicious in nature. Rail Operations Control was advised to evacuate the station.

During the incident, Metro Blue Line trains traveling northbound were turned back at the Pico/Chick Hearn Station. Metro Red Line trains were also turned back at the Pershing Square and Westlake Stations. Metro provided a bus bridge in the affected area. The incident occurred at 1:45 p.m. and was cleared at 3:30 p.m. Service was restored at 3:31 p.m. Media Relations received several phone calls from the media regarding the incident. Stories may air tonight.

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