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## DHS Announces Grant Allocations for Transit and Port Security

Earlier today, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced [initial grant allocations](#) to major transportation systems from five infrastructure protection programs, including transit security and port security. Today's announcement by DHS follows on the heels of last week's release of program guidance to prospective grantees and requires initial award recipients to submit complete applications prior to receiving final awards.

As one of eight "Tier I" major urban areas (highest risk systems), the greater Los Angeles area (defined as Los Angeles/Long Beach/Anaheim/Santa Ana) is eligible to receive \$7,059,035 in FY07 transit security grants. This amount represents a 14% increase over the FY06 allocation of \$6.2 million. According to DHS, transit security funds were awarded on the basis of a risk assessment utilizing a methodology consisting of threat, vulnerability and consequence factors. In addition, the transit security grant program has been extended to ferry systems, which will generate an additional \$122,581 in ferry security funds for the greater Los Angeles area.

On port security, the greater Los Angeles area is slated to receive \$14,723,942 for the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, an increase of 23% over last year's \$12 million grant award. Port security grants are awarded on the basis of a risk assessment utilizing factors identical to those used for the transit security program.

It should be noted that grant allocations were not announced today for the remaining grant programs, including intercity bus security, which will require

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grantees to submit applications. DHS expects to award final grants this spring.

## **Report Analyzes Role of Public Transportation in Cutting Foreign Oil Dependence**

A study released today by the consulting firm ICF International entitled "[Public Transportation and Petroleum Savings in the U.S.: Reducing Dependence on Oil](#)" concluded that public transportation use saves 1.4 billion gallons of gasoline each year. The study, which was commissioned by the American Public Transportation Association, also found that households likely to use public transportation on a given day can save \$6,200 annually, compared to a household with no access to public transportation service. Additionally, the report specifically calls attention to the contributions of the Metro Orange Line as well as the Metro Blue, Green and Gold Lines in terms of expanding overall transit ridership nationally.

## **2007 AT&T Yellow Pages Directories**

Metro is working with AT&T for the second year on an in-kind barter trade agreement to promote public transportation and to provide information about convenient information about public transportation to LA patrons in their area yellow page phone book directories, which are in circulation for a year for each publication. The following are the books currently coming out with a brief description of each cover page photo:

### Pasadena

Cover will feature the Metro Gold Line train at the Del Mar station. The photo caption reads "The Archstone Apartments at Del Mar Station, where construction has just been completed as a part of a mixed use complex which includes Metro's Gold Line." Also included in the Community Living Section of the directory is a two page spread with a Metro Gold line map depicting Gold Line stations destinations and information on how to use the Metro Gold line. The Directory will publish in early February and will be distributed to 300,000 businesses and residents in the Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley area.

### Alhambra

Cover will feature the recent Eastside Tunnel boring machine breakthrough. The photo caption will read "Metro CEO Roger Snoble and Construction Engineer Fred Smith in front of the tunnel breakthrough for Gold Line Eastside Extension, to be finished lat 2009." The Alhambra directory is produced in English and Spanish and will be distributed to 467, 600 businesses and residents in the East LA corridor.

### East San Fernando Valley

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Published in January 2007, the cover features the Metro Orange Line articulated bus with a picture of the recently dedicated Canoga Park station and Warner Center in the background. The photo caption reads, "600 Free Parking Spaces Orange Line Canoga Station." Also included in the Community Living Section of the directory is a two page spread with a Metro Orange Line map depicting stations destinations, park and ride lots and information on how to use the Metro Orange Line. The Directory will be distributed to a total of 729,000 businesses and residents in the San Fernando Valley. 300,000 of the total distributed were bilingual.

All directories will include the Metro logo along with "America's Best." Additional copies of each directory can be picked up at local Ralph's grocery stores.

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