

Daily Brief

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Metro Liner Preview

KCBS/KCAL Channel 2/9, Los Angeles Times, Daily News, Sherman Oaks Sun, and Sing Tao Daily covered this afternoon's Metro Liner Preview event with San Fernando Valley industry groups and neighborhood councils at the Sherman Oaks Galleria. The event, hosted by Sherman Oaks Galleria and the Economic Alliance, provided the opportunity for visitors, tenants, employers and the local community to learn more about the vehicles and rapid way scheduled to open in the Fall. Stories are expected to run today and tomorrow.

Metro Gold Line Back To Normal Service

Metro work crews finished repair work this morning and restored full power to the Metro Gold Line at 7:20 a.m. Media Relations contacted various media outlets and advised them that full service on the line was restored. A news alert notice also was posted on Metro's Web Page to advise patrons that service is back to normal.

Go Metro To Free NFL Season Kick-Off Event At Coliseum

Media Relations distributed a news release encourage patrons to "Go Metro" to the Los Angeles Coliseum on September 8 for the NFL's official kick-off of the 2005 football season. As a way to beat the traffic and save gas, Metro and the NFL are encouraging all those attending the event to use the Metro system.

Funding The 405 Carpool Lanes

The Daily News may publish an article Wednesday about funding scenarios for the 405 northbound carpool lane. A reporter asked for Metro's reaction to a proposal that tolls be charged drivers of single occupancy vehicles for use of the carpool lane to defray the cost of construction. Public Relations staff checked with CEO Roger Snoble and then told the reporter that proposal raises many questions that haven't been addressed. First and foremost, would allowing lone drivers who pay a toll fill the carpool lane and slow down traffic to the point that it's not effective? The reporter also asked if Metro would be willing to take over construction of the carpool lane. Staff noted that design-build would help reduce costs and Metro has experience with design-build so we could do it if that was what it would take to move the project forward.

Update on Contract Bus Services Labor Issue - Day 30

Transportation Concepts Inc (TCI) had one outlate during the rollout this morning on Line 96, Block 2. This bus left the yard 10 minutes late due to the assigned driver reporting late. There were six drivers and two teamster representatives on the picket lines this morning. There were no incidents between TCI drivers and picketers.

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