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Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting Recap

Yesterday, at its September meeting, the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board took action on several significant items. Requests for Proposals for General Counsel Services and a Negotiated Design-Build contract for final design and construction were authorized for issuance. The Board also established a specific process for the selection of a General Counsel Services firm. In other actions, the Board adopted an Administrative Code for the Authority and approved a Memorandum of Understanding for interim transfer of funding from Metro to the Authority.

Metro Orange Line Milestone

As of today, the City of Los Angeles has determined that our functional system test of the Orange Line's traffic signal system is ready for Metro to begin pre-revenue operator training and simulated operations testing.

FTA New Starts Projects Quarterly Review Meeting

Rick Thorpe and I provided an update on Metro activities at the FTA New Starts Quarterly Review meeting. A summary of the meeting's discussions is <u>attached</u>.

Citizens Advisory Committee Tour via Metro Liner

The Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC) took a tour today on the new Metro Liner articulated transit vehicle at Metro Headquarters. After their monthly executive committee meeting, members of the CAC boarded the advanced transit vehicle

for a 30-minute ride through the downtown area. The Metro Liner ride was prompted by a presentation on the Metro Orange Line by San Fernando Valley General Manager Richard Hunt at last month's CAC general assembly meeting. New CAC Chair Roger Christensen is seeking increased membership in the committee and made this request of the Board at the August meeting.

Metro Assists with Safe School Zone Launch at Jefferson High School

Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Chair Antonio Villaraigosa led a group of civic leaders, school officials, city leaders and Metro representatives in unveiling signs that declared Jefferson High School a "Safe School Zone" during a press conference on Thursday, September 1.

As part of this initiative, Metro coordinated the placement of two large signs at bus stops located at 41st and Central, and 41st and Compton proclaiming that the neighborhood is a Safe School Zone, and any person who commits a crime there is subject to increased penalties.

Metro South Bay General Manager Dana M. Coffey and Lt. Mike Parker with the Metro Transit Services Bureau participated in the program that drew applause from parents, students and residents in the neighborhood.

Update on Contract Bus Services Labor Issue - Day 33

TCI made 100% on-time rollout again this morning. There were six drivers and three teamster representatives on the picket lines. There were no incidents between the TCI drivers and picketers.

Of Note:

On this date in 1942, Los Angeles Railway (1911-1945) began hiring women as streetcar and bus operators on a trial basis due to a manpower shortage. The test turned out to be so successful that they then hired over 300 women as Motormen, Conductors and Coach Operators to replace men who were drafted during World War II. San Francisco Municipal Railway and San Diego Electric Railway soon followed Los Angeles' lead. This led to changes in state law that previously limited working hours for women.

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