# **Daily Brief**

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#### **Metro Orange Line Signalization**

The Daily News is writing a story on signalization on Metro Orange Line intersections. The story will include photo renderings of key intersection points where motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians will need to closely adhere to all traffic signals, signage and street stripage during and after bus testing. Construction staff said some drivers will need to stop making certain turns out of habit to ensure safe passage through the intersection. Signals clearly indicate when and in which direction to proceed. The story will run tomorrow.

### Metro's Transit Stars Honored at Annual Banquet

The stars of Metro were shining brightly last Friday night as the agency honored its most outstanding transit operations employees during the annual "Night of Stars" banquet at the Westin Bonaventure hotel. Director Fasana and I had the pleasure of honoring134 transportation and maintenance employees for their commitment to service. Supervisor Molina was our keynote speaker. She too recognized the contributions of our employees and called on them to make the organization the best it can be.

#### Major Milestone For The Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Project

Sunday September 18, 2005, marked a major milestone for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Project as the two Earth Pressure Balance Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) arrived in the Port of Los Angeles. The TBMs were shipped from Herrenknecht, Inc. the German Manufacturer in mid-August 2005. Over the next few months, the EPMs and associated equipment will be delivered to the 1st/Boyle Station site where they will be assembled and launched from the tunnel access shaft to begin tunneling operations in December 2005.

## **Update on Contract Bus Services Labor Issue - Day 50**

Transportation Concepts Inc. (TCI) made 100% on-time rollout on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday morning. There were eight drivers and two teamster representatives on the picket lines this morning. There were no incidents between the TCI drivers and picketers over the weekend.

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