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Metro Orange Line Joint Development

The Los Angeles Business Journal is preparing a story on joint development opportunities around Metro Orange Line stations once the system is up and running. Media Relations today escorted a reporter with the Business Journal on a tour of the Metro Orange Line alignment. The story is expected to run next week.

Homeland Security Grants Received

The Associated Press is preparing a story on Homeland Security and how much various agencies have received from the Department of Homeland Security. The reporter interviewed Metro staff in terms of the number of grants received and what has been spent so far. The story may run this weekend or early next week.

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension

The Daily News talked with Rick Thorpe, Chief Capital Management Officer, today regarding talks that are taking place with LAUSD concerning the Indiana Station of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension. Should agreements not be reached with LAUSD, there is a possibility that the station's location may be moved. A story may appear this weekend.

Metro Bus Accident

A Metro Bus was involved in an accident with another vehicle earlier this afternoon. It was line 56 west bound on Adams at Central Avenue. Five people

in the vehicle were injured and transported to area hospitals. City News Service, Ch. 4 and 54 requested information regarding the accident.

Daily News Investigation Of Charter Buses

The Daily News is investigating the City of Los Angeles' \$3 million annual charter program. Local return monies are used by the council offices and the Mayor to provide charter buses for youth groups, seniors and others for recreational purposes. The Daily News is questioning how some of these monies have been use, for example, whether buses have been used for church youth groups and other functions. LADOT told the reporter that Metro has approved all these usages, in fact, Metro approved the broad program but does not approve individual bus requests. LADOT has not provided Metro with an annual list of specific requests in recent years. Staff will follow up with LADOT to get that list and make sure that LADOT understands that these charter buses must be made available to all LA residents in the specific age group for that activity. Metro will also be asking LADOT for copies of flyers and ads showing that the activities were made public.

Update on Contract Bus Services Labor Issue - Day 52

Transportation Concepts Inc., (TCI) made 100% on-time rollout again this morning. There were nine drivers and three teamster representatives on the picket lines. There were no incidents between the TCI drivers and picketers.

CEO Upcoming Meetings and Events

Next week I will be attending the APTA conference in Dallas, TX. through Wednesday, participating in Metro Orange Line Test Ride on Friday.

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