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Elevated Terror Alert For New York Subway System

Late this afternoon New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg told a news conference that they were elevating the security status on the subway system. The New York Police Commissioner said that information received indicated that the New York City subway system might be a target of a possible terror attack in the coming days. LASD is monitoring the situation and will determine what actions, if any, need to take place here in Los Angeles. Our sources have no credible information about threats against Los Angeles transit systems. However, for this evening's commute, Transit Service Bureau will provide added staff to check every Metro Red Line station and a K-9 unit will be highly visible.

Media Relations received a number of media calls regarding the heightened awareness alert in New York.

UCLA Go Metro Transit Pass Program Kick-Off

Media Relations facilitated a news conference with UCLA Transportation Services today to officially kick-off the Go Metro Transit Pass Program. UCLA is the first university in L.A. County to offer discounted transit passes to its students, staff and faculty. The Rideshare Week event was held in conjunction with UCLA's annual transportation fair. Media in attendance at today's event included KABC Channel 7 and the Daily Bruin. Media Relations also issued a news release today regarding the UCLA Metro Pass Program.

Metro Art Program

KCSN interviewed Metro Art staff regarding the agency's Metro Art program and docent tours today. Staff mentioned that the Metro Orange Line opening Oct. 29 will also contain art objects at stations. The story is expected to run today.

Exposition Light Rail Transit Project

The Los Angeles Times is preparing a story looking at the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project in conjunction with the release of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) that will be circulated for a 45-day period. Staff briefed the reporter as to the status of the FEIR as well as the project, which will use local funding instead of federal New Starts funding, thereby keeping the project on an accelerated schedule for a June 2010 completion.

Metro Blue Line Safety

La Opinion today interviewed rail safety staff regarding the various programs in place along the Metro Blue Line to improve its safety record. Those programs include photo enforcement and quad gates at key intersections. The story is expected to appear in La Opinion on Saturday.

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