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State Assembly Member Lloyd Levine to Tour Metro Orange Line

State Assembly Member Lloyd Levine (D-Van Nuys) will be taking a tour of the Metro Orange Line tomorrow. The Assembly Member is interested in assessing possible joint development opportunities along the Metro Orange Line. I will be accompanying the Assembly Member on this tour, which will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Suspicious Package Left On Metro Bus

The LASD responded to a report of a suspicious package on a Metro Bus. At 1:20 p.m. this afternoon the package was reported by a passenger to the bus operator. The bus operator reported the incident to Bus Operation Control and LASD responded to the scene with their bomb squad as a precaution. The bus was evacuated. The incident happened at Santa Monica and La Brea. At 3:45 p.m. the LASD rendered the package safe. Several news media inquired regarding the incident. Stories may air this afternoon.

First Month Metro Orange Line Ridership

The Daily News inquired today regarding Metro ridership projections for the first official month of Metro Orange Line service. Staff reported that ridership continues to be strong, with an estimated 10,000 to 12,000 average weekday boardings, but did not give a total monthly boarding estimate. Final ridership projections for November will not be available until mid-December. The brief story is expected to run tomorrow.

Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting

The Exposition Metro Line Authority Construction Board is scheduled to meet on Thursday, December 1, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of

Administration, 3rd floor, Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room 381B.

For the Consent Calendar, the Board will consider a contract for procurement support services with TEC Management Consultants, Inc. and revisions to the Administrative Code.

Under General Board Actions, the Board will consider a recommendation to the LACMTA Board to approve the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Los Angeles Mid-City Westside Transit Corridor, Mid-City/Exposition Light Rail Transit Project as the Light Rail Transit Build Alternative from Downtown Los Angeles (7th/Metro Center) to Culver City (Venice/Robertson Station) incorporating the following design options:

- a. Flower Street East Side Design Option incorporating an undercrossing between Jefferson Boulevard and Trousdale Parkway with option for a future USC/Exposition Park Station near Kinsey Drive;
- b. La Brea Aerial Station & Grade Separation;
- c. La Cienega Station Parking Facility on Southeast Corner (East Central Interceptor Sewer- ECIS Construction Staging Site);
- d. Jefferson Boulevard Northside Widening at La Cienega Boulevard;
- e. Jefferson Boulevard Grade Separation near Ballona Creek; and
- f. Venice/Robertson Interim Station located East of National Boulevard within the Metro-owned Exposition Right-of-Way.

Reserve the Dates

<u>Douglas Street Gap Closure Groundbreaking Ceremony – Thursday,</u> <u>December 1, 2005</u>

The City of El Segundo will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the start of project construction to connect Douglas Street through to Rosecrans Avenue on Thursday December 1 at 9:30 am. The event will take place at the southerly entrance to the Metro Green Line Douglas Street Station.

Rosa Parks Commemoration – Thursday, December 1, 2005

This event commemorates the actual date when Rosa Parks took a stand on seating discrimination on board a public bus. Metro will host a media event in front of the Gateway Building at the Transit Plaza on Thursday December 1 at 10:00 am to unveil the Interior Bus Car Cards that commemorate Rosa Parks. These Interior Bus Car Cards will be posted inside all Metro Buses.

<u>ACE Nogales Street Grade Separation Project and Luncheon – Monday, December 5, 2005</u>

The Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority will hold a dedication ceremony to commemorate the completion of construction of the Nogales Street Grade Separation Project, the first ACE grade separation project to be completed, on Monday December 5, 2005 at 10:00 am. The event will be held at the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Nogales Street and Valley

Boulevard on the border of the Cities of Industry and West Covina. A celebratory luncheon at the Pacific Palms Conference Resort will follow the dedication ceremony.

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