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Go Metro For Holiday Shopping

Media Relations distributed a news release today encouraging holiday shoppers to use the Metro Bus and Metro Rail system this holiday season. At \$3 for an all-day transit pass, it's a great way to save money and avoid the hassles of traffic and parking. The Metro Orange Line opens up brand new shopping venues in the San Fernando Valley for Metro-bound shoppers.

Out Of Service Freeway Call Boxes

A reporter with KBAK Channel 29 TV in Bakersfield inquired today regarding several freeway call boxes in the Gorman area and along the 118 freeway that have signs indicating that they are out of service. LA SAFE staff told the reporter that those boxes are out of service because analog cellular service is not available in the area. The cellular carrier apparently has removed service in that area. Staff told the reporter that LA SAFE continues to work with the carrier in trying to get service restored. They are planning to run a story this weekend on the problem and indicated that Kern County also has similar problems.

Bus Riders Union Urges Consent Decree Extension

The BRU held a press conference today to urge an extension of the Consent Decree. Metro Media Relations staff received a call from La Opinion. Staff went over the Special Master's recent ruling with a reporter and underscored that the Special Master praised Metro's efforts to improve bus service and validated our new service plan with its focus on Metro Rapid expansion.

CEO Meetings & Events

Next week I will be meeting with Supervisor Molina and State Senator Allan Lowenthal. I will be attending the Mobility 21 Executive Committee Meeting, the

Regionwide CEO Meeting, and the City of South Pasadena Groundbreaking for Congestion Relief Projects.

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