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Next Tuesday, December 20 at 5 p.m., Mayor Villaraigosa and six-year old Corey O'rane-Ealy, a Make-A-Wish Foundations' wish child, will ride the Metro Blue Line from the 7th/Metro Station to the Pico Station. They will proclaim the Metro Blue Line as the "Wish Line" and walk together to Staples Center so Corey can fulfill his wish to meet the Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant in person.

SB 1024 Infrastructure Bond

Today Senators Lowenthal, Torlakson, Soto and Murray conducted an informational hearing today to discuss SB 1024, Senator Perata's infrastructure bond proposal. During the hearing the senators heard testimony from a number of Southern California agencies regarding the need for investments in transportation, housing, and other areas of the state's infrastructure. The State Senate will consider SB 1024 in January.

APTA Peer Review Issues Final Report

The American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) Peer Review panel examining the safety of tunneling along the Wilshire Corridor has submitted its final report. The final report concluded that it is possible to both safely tunnel and safely operate a subway along the Wilshire Boulevard Corridor. The current federal restriction on tunneling for rail in certain methane zones in the City of Los Angeles was placed in the fiscal year 1986 U.S. Department of Transportation Appropriations Act (P.L. No. 99-190). Metro's Government Relations Department will continue working directly with Congressman Henry Waxman (D-30) to remove the current prohibition on the use of federal funds for tunneling along the Wilshire Corridor. A copy of this report has been sent under separate cover due to the size of the document.

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