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Sheriff Acts To Protect Public Transportation, New Structure Is Among First Of Its Kind In U.S.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca has reorganized his department to place greater resources to protect public transportation in Los Angeles County from potential terrorist threats.

Recognizing the potential threat to public transportation, as witnessed in terrorist attacks in Madrid and London, the Sheriff has taken the proactive step of reassigning the department's Transit Services Bureau, which provides security and law enforcement services for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to the Sheriff's Homeland Security Division.

The new organization was effective in November 2005 and is among the first agencies in which police services for a transportation system have been organized under homeland security auspices.

A LASD press release is attached.

Governor's Toll Road Proposal

The San Gabriel Valley Tribune today inquired about Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposal, reported in the L.A. Times, to introduce freeway toll roads in Los Angeles County in an effort to improve regional mobility. The governor is expected to discuss toll roads as part of his State of the State speech this afternoon. Staff reported that existing gas taxes do not keep pace with improvements in highway infrastructure, and, if alternative ways of funding truck lanes and other highway improvements are to be found, a greater reliance on users may be necessary to help pay these costs. The story is expected to run tomorrow.

Alameda Corridor – East Media Event

You are invited to Governor Schwarzenegger's press conference tomorrow afternoon on Friday, January 6th, 2006 to hear his speech about the transportation bond funding component in the Infrastructure Bond Package that will be discussed in today's State of the State Address. Please arrive no later than 1:45 p.m. to check in. The event will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will be held at the Alameda Corridor East Construction Site - City of El Monte (near corner of Peck Rd. & Ramona Blvd, north of the 10 Freeway) Park on Iris Lane- See Map attached for details.

At the request of the Governor's office, please note that there will be no opportunity to speak due to time constraints. In addition, they recommend that it would be best to carpool due to parking space limitations. Alexander Kim, Deputy Director - Los Angeles Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, will be handling check-in at the location. She can be reached at 213-618-2457 if you have any questions.

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