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Announcement of new Federal Transit Administration Deputy Administrator

Secretary Norm Mineta announced yesterday that Sandy Bushue is the new FTA Deputy Administrator.

Deputy Administrator Bushue has over two decades of experience both in the private and public sectors in transportation. Deputy Administrator Bushue recently was the Vice President and Strategic Account Manager for Homeland Security for Siemens One. She has held a number of positions in the Administrations of Presidents Reagan and George H.W. Bush, including serving as Director of Programs in the Office of the White House Chief of Staff. Ms. Bushue also served as Special Assistant to the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Transportation and Deputy Director of the National Commission on Intermodal Transportation.

She received her B.A. degree from Eureka College, Eureka, IL and her MBA from George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

Governor Schwarzenegger Releases his 2006-07 State Budget Proposal

Governor Schwarzenegger today released his 2006-07 budget proposal. In that proposal the Governor recommends fully funding Proposition 42 at \$1.4 billion and \$920 million to partially repay past Proposition 42 loans. Proposition 42 funds are allocated to a list of Traffic Congestion Relief Projects, the State Transportation Improvement Program, to cities and counties for street and road

repair, and, to the Public Transportation Account. Under this proposal, a significant amount of new revenue could be available for the Traffic Congestion Relief Projects and the State Transportation Improvement Program. Cities and counties are required to forego their allocation of Proposition 42 funds because they received STIP funds for the same purpose in a previous year's allocation. The funds that would otherwise flow to cities and counties will repay the STIP. Funds from the \$920 million repayment will be made available to cities and counties for street and road repair.

CTC To Allocate Funding For Major Transportation Projects

The Daily News inquired today regarding the Governor's proposed budget that he unveiled today. Staff told the reporter that money included in the Governor's spending plan is good news that will allow the CTC to allocate funding for major transportation projects. Staff estimated that L.A. County could stand to receive \$500 million in transportation funds, however an exact dollar figure is still being looked at. The story is expected to run tomorrow.

Infrastructure Bond Conference Committee Named

Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez yesterday announce the Assembly's appointments to an Infrastructure Bond Conference Committee that will work to resolve the differences between the various bond proposals. The Speaker named Assembly Members John Laird (D-Santa Cruz), Judy Chu (D-Monterey Park) and Rick Keene (R-Chico) to the committee. The Senate is expected to announce members in the near future.

Metro Bus Television

The Daily News is preparing a story on the use of televisions on board Metro Buses. The reporter interviewed staff today regarding the installation of television screens on board buses. The reporter was told that approximately 1,000 buses have the television screens installed with the rest of the fleet expected to be fully equipped with the television screens by this summer. Metro is guaranteed at least \$100,000 a year in ad revenue. Metro also can use the monitors to publicize our services and programs as well as alert riders in the event of an emergency or line detours. A recent customer satisfaction survey conducted in October indicated that 83 percent of those surveyed have noticed the new television monitors on board Metro Buses and of those, 86 percent would prefer to ride a bus that have the television monitors on them.

Metro and Big Blue Bus Move Wednesday to New Pico/Rimpau Terminal

On Wednesday January 11 Metro and Big Blue Bus operations at the Pico/Rimpau terminal are scheduled to relocate to a new terminal as part of the Midtown joint development project named Mid-Town Plaza. This move was

delayed from an earlier announced date. The new terminal, which provides a new, modern location for passengers, is adjacent to the current site, which was last developed in 1964 when it converted from streetcar and bus service to all bus. In 1998 Metro was approached to sell the terminal property to a developer for assessed value, plus a new facility within a new development, built on a permanent easement. Metro obtained Board approval in 1999.

Of Note

On this date in 1945, Henry Huntington's heirs sold predecessor company Los Angeles Railway (1911-1945), to Los Angeles Transit Lines (1945-1958), another privately owned company. Los Angeles Transit Lines continued to operate the extensive urban motorbus and streetcar system while slowly converting all but five streetcar rail lines to bus routes. They also operated 110 electric trolley buses along two routes; Central Ave to 3rd/Fairfax and City Terrace/Hooper Ave. LATL's routes and assets were acquired by the first publicly governed transit agency, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority in 1958. By 1963 the remaining five rail lines and two electric trolley bus lines had been converted to bus lines, leaving Los Angeles without urban rail service until the opening of the Blue Line in 1990.

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