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Governor holds Press Conference Announcing Signature of SB 1026

Today, the Governor held a signing ceremony for SB 1026 (Kuehl), which provides Metro with the authority to use design-build to construct the North-bound HOV lane. The following officials attended: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Speaker Fabien Nunez, Congressman Howard Berman, Congressman Brad Sherman, State Senator Shelia Kuehl, State Senator Richard Alarcon, Assemblywoman Fran Pavley, Assemblyman Lloyd Levine, Assemblyman Keith Richman, Assemblymember Paul Koretz, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Wendy Greuel.

Exposition Light Rail Project Update

A reporter with the Culver City News interviewed Rick Thorpe in his capacity as interim CEO of the Exposition Construction Authority about what the next steps are in beginning construction of the project following approval of the EIR. Following selection of a design-build team, construction could begin this summer. Mitigation measures will be incorporated during construction regarding residents concerns about the interim station at Westley, similar to those set up when building the Metro Gold Line. The story is expected to run next week.

Metro December Ridership

The Daily News inquired today regarding ridership numbers on the Metro Orange Line and Metro Rail lines for the month of December. Staff reported that average weekday boardings on the Metro Orange Line totaled 15,492, a slight dip from November's 16,360 total. The minor decrease is most likely a result of lighter holiday traffic, which is common for this time of year. January ridership has been witnessed as strong and consistent with November weekday boardings. The story is expected to run tomorrow.

UFS Farebox Installation Beginning Tonight

San Gabriel Valley Sector Division 3 (Cypress Park) will begin Universal Fare System (UFS) fare box installations tonight and continuing around the clock, 24 hours each day until January 16, Monday morning roll-out. Approximately 3 consecutive weekends will be required to complete installation of Division 3's entire fleet. With this, we will have completed 5 of 11 total Metro bus divisions, bringing to total, approximately 1,000 buses of the entire 2,500 Metro fleet.

Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events

Next week, I will be meeting separately with: Mayor Villaraigosa; Supervisor Gloria Molina; Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky; Director Frank Roberts; Director Pam O'Connor; Director Bonnie Lowenthal; Councilmember Bernard Parks; and Director John Fasana. I will also be attending the Women in Transportation Seminar as a Panel Member.

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