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Senate Transportation and Housing Committee holds hearing on Governor's Strategic Growth Plan

Yesterday, the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, held its first hearing on the Governor's infrastructure bond proposal. The Committee received testimony from the Administration summarizing the proposal and limited testimony from statewide groups. Committee members commented that the Administration's plan does not address transit, and that the project selection process differs from existing processes.

The Committee has scheduled hearings over the next three weeks that will address the funding options in each proposal, the project selection process and emerging technologies in the goods movement industry. Additionally, the Assembly Transportation Committee is intending to hold its first hearings on Monday, January 30 and Wednesday, February 1. Metro Government Relations staff are working with both Committees and are being asked to provide comments at these hearings.

Hollywood & Vine Joint Development Project

The Business Section of the Los Angeles Times is preparing a story on the revitalization of Hollywood and interviewed Metro staff today regarding a joint development project planned for Hollywood and Vine. Staff explained that the purpose of our joint development program was to promote and enhance transit ridership, enhance land use and economic development of the surrounding community, and to get a fair market return. The planned development at Hollywood and Vine will include a 300-room hotel, 150 condos, 375 apartments and 55,000 square feet of mixed-use retail space. Construction on the project is expected to begin later this year and will take approximately three years to complete. The story is expected to run in the next couple of days.

Metro Gold Line Construction Update Release

Media Relations issued a news release today regarding the last of the street decking operations to take place on First Street as part of the tunnel portal construction for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension. The construction work will last for five days beginning today until 6 a.m. Monday, January 30. The release notes that there will be a full street closure on First Street between Evergreen Avenue and Lorena Street.

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