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Infrastructure Bond Proposal Hearings

The Assembly Transportation Committee has scheduled two hearings next week to discuss the Governor's Infrastructure Bond Proposal. On Monday, the committee will conduct an overview hearing with presentations by the Administration. On Wednesday, the Committee expects to receive comments from statewide groups and other transportation interests. Metro staff will speak at Wednesday's hearing. These hearings may be rescheduled if a lengthy floor session occurs on Monday.

The Senate Transportation and Housing Committee has announced February hearing dates. A hearing on the priorities of the Governor's plan that was originally scheduled for January 31 has been rescheduled to February 21. The committee hearing schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, February 7 - The Governor's Strategic Growth Plan: The Transportation Project Selection Process

Tuesday, February 14 - The Governor's Strategic Growth Plan: Design-Build, Design-Sequencing, and Public-Private Partnerships

Wednesday, February 15 - Infrastructure Needs in the Southern California Border Region (Chula Vista City Hall 10 am - 1 pm)

Tuesday, February 21 - The Governor's Strategic Growth Plan: Are These the Legislature's Priorities?

Tuesday, February 28 - Emerging Technologies in Goods Movement

SB 1024 (Perata) Bond Proposal Amended

Amendments to Senator Perata's Bond Proposal were introduced today. The amendments outline funding categories for the bond proposal and do not allocate the amount of funds to each category. The amendments also add the following categories: affordable housing, seismic retrofit of bridges, transit security, and a State and Local Partnership program which would provide matching funds for counties with sales taxes for transportation. This measure is anticipated to move soon into the conference committee process.

Universal Fare System/Transit Access Pass Update

Universal Fare System (UFS) fare box installations at Division 3 (Cypress Park) were completed on schedule last week. This completes over 200 coach installations at this division. Next is Division 7 (Westside Service Sector, West Hollywood), which begins on February 3 and continues for three weeks.

Rail installation continues on the Metro Green Line through February 7, 2006. Thereafter, Metro Red Line installations will begin February 8, 2006. This work is expected to take approximately three weeks as 51 Ticket Vending Machines and 89 Stand Alone Validators are installed. After the installations at the Metro Red Line, the entire UFS rail system will be completed.

The Source Selection panel has completed their evaluation of the Transit Access Pass (TAP) procurement. Staff recommendations will be presented at the February Board meeting.

M3 Final Audit Report

The Los Angeles Times requested and received today a copy of the Final Audit Report on the Implementation and Acquisition of the Maintenance, Material and Management System (M3) that was presented to the Executive Management and Audit Committee last week. Although the acquisition and implementation of the M3 System had some problems, the audit did not identify any material issues that would prevent a successful acquisition and implementation of the M3 System.

Sector Governance Council Meetings In February

Media Relations today issued a news release announcing the upcoming Metro Service Sector Governance Council meetings set for February. The news release noted each sector's meeting place and time and encourages the public to attend the monthly meetings and help improve Metro Bus service in their communities.

LA City Fire Department Rescue Drills Planned for Eastside Extension

The LA City Fire Department drills planned for the Eastside Extension this weekend are scheduled from 8 a.m. until about noon on Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 1st and Boyle in East LA. LA City Fire Battalion Chief Quintanar is in charge.

Each day, firefighters from two City Fire battalions will participate, along with firefighters from the Urban Search and Rescue unit and the HAZMAT unit. LA County Fire has been invited to observe and some of their personnel may participate.

Metro corporate safety and security, Traylor Bros., LAPD and LASD will also participate in this drill. An LA City Fire helicopter may be involved to evacuate an “injured” person from the exercise site to UCLA Medical Center.

During the exercise, the fire companies will identify 4 “stations” – rescue staging, investigation, lobby, and tunnel search. The firefighters will walk through each of the stations, a 1.5-hour exercise. They will simulate the rescue of 3 workers being trapped in a gaseous area of the station box.

Traffic Congestion Relief Funds – Metro Orange Line

Today, Metro received a check for \$98 million in Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds as a reimbursement for expenditures incurred on the Metro Orange Line. The \$98 million repayment restores local Proposition C 25% funds Metro used to cover the funding gap created when the TCRP program was suspended due to the State General Fund deficit.

Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events

This weekend I will be attending the APTA Transit CEO’s Seminar in Long Beach. Next week I am scheduled for jury duty. During my absence, John Catoe will act on my behalf with full signature authority.

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