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Workers' Compensation Program

Metro's Workers' Compensation program has been under audit by the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) as part of the DIRs random audit program of insurance companies and self-insured entities. DIR has found compliance problems for the audit calendar years of 2002, 2003 and 2004 related to the startup of Metro's self-administration unit in late 2001 and will assess administrative penalties when their final report issues in February/March. Under new management since the middle of 2004, Metro's workers' compensation unit substantially decreased the number of violations in 2004 and 2005 by instituting training, quality assurance procedures and staffing levels consistent with best practices. A Board Box on this issue will be prepared and submitted for the week ending February 3.

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension

A Wave Newspapers reporter today requested information on the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension as background for a story they are preparing on the organization Adelante Eastside. The reporter is interested in projects and developments that are happening on the eastside of Los Angeles. Media Relations staff gave basic information such as cost of the project, communities covered by the Eastside Extension, the number of stations, miles, tunnel information and excavation schedule. A story is expected to run in next Thursday edition.

Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting Agenda

The Exposition Metro Line Authority Construction Board is scheduled to meet on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 3rd floor, Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room 381B. Please note the time change from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Board will consider staff's recommendations to approve selection of a Design-Build Contractor, selection of a permanent Chief Executive Officer and to adopt a resolution on State Disability Insurance. The Consent Calendar item is a Receive and File report on forming Construction Board committees.

Reserve the Dates/Upcoming Events

Metro Gold Line Limited Stop Service Demonstration - Thursday, February 9, 2006

Metro Media Relations has scheduled a media ride on the Metro Gold Line for Thursday February 9 at 9 a.m. to demonstrate new limited stop service. The event starts with speeches on the Metro Gold Line Union Station platform. Dignitaries and the media will then board the special train for a short ride to the first limited stop at Highland Park and return. The new service starts the following Monday, February 13.

Mobility 21 Coalition Meeting - Friday, February 10, 2006

This special coalition meeting will discuss the proposed state infrastructure bonds. The meeting will be held on February 10 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the floor conference room of the Caltrans Administration Building located at 100 South Main Street in Los Angeles.

Metro's Federal Advocates to Visit Los Angeles in Late February - Tuesday and Wednesday, February 21 and 22, 2006

Three members from Metro's federal advocacy team in Washington, DC - Ray Cole and Steve Palmer of Van Scoyoc Associates and Cliff Madison of Cliff Madison Government Relations - will be traveling to Los Angeles in late February to meet with Board members to discuss the implementation of our federal legislative agenda for 2006. Ray, Steve and Cliff will be available to meet with Board members all day on Tuesday February 21 and until 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22.

Metro To Attend SCAG Trip To Washington, D.C.

The CEOs, Executive Directors and local elected officials from the SCAG region, including Supervisor Yvonne Burke, will be going to Washington, D.C. on February 7 and 8 to meet with Members of Congress and Department of Transportation officials to discuss the 2006 Southern California Consensus program, including goods movement and SAFETEA LU implementation and future authorization options.

American Public Transportation Association (APTA) 31st Annual Legislative Conference

The APTA's 31st Annual Legislative Conference will be held in Washington, D.C. from March 5 - 7, 2006. This year's conference will be focused on the Administration's implementation of key policy changes mandated by the new

legislation and Congress is developing its annual appropriations legislation within the framework of SAFETEA-LU. In addition, Congress will begin examining future transportation financing options, a key task mandated by the new law, and addressing transit security needs.

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