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Infrastructure Bond Update

Today, the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee conducted an informational hearing on the process for selecting projects that would be funded by the infrastructure bonds. Committee members were very critical of the Administration's approach allowing the State to make the project selection decisions. Metro staff participated in a panel that highlighted the process Metro uses when making decisions related to projects through our Long and Short Range Transportation Plans, as well as the process used for the Call for Projects. Staff also discussed the close cooperation between Metro and Caltrans and with the other counties in Southern California. We were well received by the committee regarding our local process. The committee is considering who should be entrusted with the responsibility of choosing projects to be funded by the bond. Many of the committee members were supportive of incorporating the existing programming process controlled by local agencies.

Universal Fare System Update

The first weekend installation of Universal Fare System (UFS) fare boxes has started at Westside Service Sector Division 7 (West Hollywood). Approximately 50 buses were completed; work will continue every weekend on 24 hour, round-the-clock schedule starting Friday evenings through Monday morning rollout until all 250 buses are completed. This begins the sixth division to be cut over to new fare boxes. Rail installation for the Metro Green Line UFS ticket vending machines and "stand alone validators" is completed. On Monday, February 13 Metro Red Line installations begin and is anticipated to be complete by Wednesday, March 8.

Metro Gold Line Express Service

The Metro Gold Line's new Express skip stop service is being promoted to existing and potential customers through a number of means, including

newspaper ads and on-board brochures detailing the new service, outreach through direct mail, and a February 9 press event. In addition, ambassadors will be on duty at each Metro Gold Line station during rush hours several days prior to the start of service as well during the first week of service to assist customers, distribute information and answer questions. Attached are sample car card and poster for the Metro Gold Line Express Service.

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