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Metro Participates in SCAG Regional Consensus Trip to Washington

Supervisor Burke and I traveled to Washington, D.C. this week to participate in the SCAG Regional Consensus Program. The trip provided an opportunity for the county transportation commissions and regional agencies in Southern California to come together and highlight our transportation challenges before policymakers on Capitol Hill. In meetings with key Members of Congress, the delegation underscored the need for a dedicated funding stream for goods movement-related projects and also encouraged the development of innovative financing tools to spur greater public-private investment.

In addition to the SCAG meetings, Metro convened a briefing for the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation to review our 2006 federal legislative agenda and provide an update on our capital program. All in all, it was a successful and productive trip.

February 14 Senate Transportation and Housing Committee Meeting

The Senate Transportation and Housing Committee has modified its schedule of hearings. The hearing scheduled for Tuesday, February 14 will deal with the proposed use of public private partnerships. It was originally going to cover the design build and design sequencing. These issues have been postponed to a future date.

Mobility 21 Coalition Meeting

Over 200 elected officials, representatives, and other transportation industry people attended this morning's Mobility 21 Coalition meeting held at Caltrans District 7 Headquarters in downtown LA. Speakers included Los Angeles

Council Member Wendy Greuel, Council Transportation Chair, Congressman Earl Blumenauer from the state of Oregon and member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee who spoke about “smart growth policies”, the impact California’s transportation issues have on his state and the importance of working together to resolve the many shared challenges. Also speaking were State Senator Richard Alarcon and Doug Failing, Caltrans District 7 Director.

After discussion and inclusion of comments from the participants, a resolution was passed supporting a comprehensive infrastructure bond initiative that proportionately funds transportation projects in Southern California. Attached is the resolution regarding the bond proposals.

Metro Art Unveils New Photo Installation At Metro Red Line Station

Metro Art installed a series of temporary photographs entitled 'Photo Binge' by award-winning artist Colette Fu in the 7th St./Metro Center Station this week. The work, which has inspired some lively discussion, satirizes an urban, commodity driven culture that focuses on food, health, nutrition, beauty and the surface of things. The collage of images depicts various binge activities such as eating, exercising and shopping. "In my art work I have a need for complexity that is obsessive, rewarding and most of all fun. I hope that my imagery can help bring viewers into a sort of public waking dream state where they can later explore and become aware of their own private fears, hopes and desires," says Fu.

Over 189 artists applied for the project, two other artists will have their work installed later this month. A panel of community members and arts professionals including curators from the Korean American museum and LACE selected the artists.

Media Relations issued a news release this afternoon announcing that Metro Art has unveiled a new photo installation. The installation will be a temporary six-month exhibition and is arranged in a series of seven large internally illuminated boxes on the west mezzanine area of the station. One of the images can be seen in the attached MS Word file.

From Metro, With Love - Gateway Heart Light For All Of LA To See

Metro Headquarters will cast a romantic glow on downtown Los Angeles Tuesday as nine-story hearts of light shine from all four sides of the Gateway Building in the second annual Valentine’s Day message. Neil Sadler of Metro’s Design Studio and a team of designers will work with General Services to arrange heart-shaped configurations of office lights and window blinds during the evening hours of Valentine’s Day. The light display will become visible at sunset and end at 10 p.m. when the building’s office lights automatically shut off for the

night. As the skyscraper sparkles in the downtown skyline, the Heart Lights will be visible throughout the region and cast a glow on traffic along three freeways - I-5, I-10 and I-101. Consider it a Valentine's Day card to Los Angeles from Metro. Photo from 2005 can be seen in the attached .jpg file.

Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events

Next week, I will be meeting separately with Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Director Parks, Director Roberts, Director Lowenthal, and Director Fasana. I will also be meeting with Congressman Xavier Becerra.

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