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Infrastructure Bond Update

Legislative staff members and staff from the Governor's office continue to meet and discuss the infrastructure bond proposals. Discussions are still at a very conceptual stage. Metro staff have been asked for draft language regarding a transit category and a project selection process. Metro Government Relations staff have developed language that would allocate new transit capital funds to urban areas of the state based on population. In addition, staff developed language, which allows Metro to allocate bond proceeds similar to the existing STIP process.

The California Transit Association (CTA) has also been asked for a platform of transit needs to be incorporated in the bond. Generally CTA has advocated that the bond should allocate funds for new transit capital projects, rail rehabilitation and bus services. There are areas of division within CTA regarding these issues. SCRRA has been advocating that a larger share of funds be allocated to a rail rehabilitation category and this could serve to dilute the funds available for Metro's priorities. Additionally, some of the smaller and rural bus operators are arguing that bus funds should be allocated through the State Transit Assistance (STA) formula, which is appropriate. However, they are proposing that the funds be allocated directly to the individual operators circumventing the STA program requirements.

A matrix is attached which outlines our recommendations for a position by the California Transit Association.

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 2:30 p.m. at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 3rd floor, Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room 381B.

The Board will consider staff's recommendation to award a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Consent Calendar item is a Receive and File report on the FY07 budget process. The agenda also includes a monthly project status update.

Reserve the Dates/Upcoming Events

American Public Transportation Association (APTA) 31st Annual Legislative Conference - Sunday March 5 to Tuesday March 7, 2006

The American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) 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.

Access Sacramento - Tuesday March 7 to Wednesday March 8, 2006

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce's annual advocacy trip to Sacramento takes place Tuesday and Wednesday March 7 and 8.

California Transportation Commission Hearing - Thursday March 9, 2006

The California Transportation Commission will hold its Southern California STIP hearing in the Metro Board Room on Thursday March 9 starting at 10 a.m.

Union Station/LAWA Flyaway Airport Shuttle Media Event - Wednesday March 15, 2006

Mayor Villaraigosa will announce the new LAWA Flyaway airport shuttle service from Union Station to LAX. The event is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. at the Patsaouras Transit Plaza with the Mayor joining the media on a Flyaway bus ride to LAX starting at 11 a.m.

Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce Economic Awards Dinner - Thursday March 23, 2006

The 13th Annual Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce (GLAAACC) Economic Awards Dinner takes place on Thursday, March 23, 2006, 5:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, 711 S. Hope Street in Los Angeles. This annual event sponsored by the GLAAACC, a member of the Metro Transportation Business Advisory Council (TBAC), recognizes individuals and corporations that have contributed to the economic growth and development of the African American community.

I-710 Corridor Program Steering Committee – Thursday, March 23, 2006 (TENTATIVE)

The first meeting of the I-710 Corridor Program Steering Committee is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2006. The role of the Steering Committee is

to provide overall direction and policy guidance to the I-710 Corridor improvement program which includes development of an Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) as well as other issues that are critical to safety, health and economic vitality within the Corridor.

Construction Management Association of America to Receive Expo Line Update - March 29, 2006

Rick Thorpe will provide the Southern California Chapter of the Construction Management Association of America an Exposition Line Update at their March 29, 2006 dinner to be held at the Marriott at 333 S. Figueroa Street in downtown Los Angeles.

Metro Service Sector Council Meet and Greet - March 2006

The annual Metro Service Sector Council Meet and Greet will be scheduled for a date to be determined in March 2006.

Santa Clarita Transit Maintenance Yard Grand Opening - Tuesday April 4, 2006

The Santa Clarita Transit Maintenance Yard Grand Opening ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday April 4 at 11 a.m.

Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair - Wednesday April 12, 2006

The 2006 Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair is scheduled for Wednesday April 12 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. The committee presenting this fair include Metro, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), Metropolitan Water District (MWD), City of Los Angeles, and County of Los Angeles. More information is available at the website: www.LAVendorFair.com.

Access Washington D.C. - Monday May 15 to Thursday May 18, 2006

The LA Area Chamber of Commerce's annual advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. is scheduled from Monday May 15 to Thursday May 18, 2006.

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