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FTA Issues Record Of Decision For Expo Light Rail Project

A major milestone was reached on Monday when the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project from the federal government. The FTA issues a ROD when it determines that the project has satisfied all requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act thereby completing the environmental clearance of the project.

This action clears the way for the award of a design/build construction contract and the use of federal grant funds for the project. The Metro Expo Line Construction Authority is scheduled to consider the award of a design/build contract at their upcoming meeting on March 2nd.

Infrastructure Bond Update

It is anticipated that the Infrastructure Bond Conference Committee may be meeting over the next two days and that transportation may be discussed at those meetings. Staff will provide more information to the Board as it becomes available.

Metro Bus vs. Freight Train

Media Relations responded early Tuesday morning to several media inquiries regarding an early morning accident between a Metro Bus Line 105 and a Pacific Union freight train. The accident happened around 1:40 a.m. at Long Beach Boulevard and 24th Street. One bus passenger claimed to be injured and was transported to White Memorial Medical Center with neck and back injuries. Channel 2/9, 4, 34, WRadio (Spanish Language) and Los Angeles News (wire service) requested information for their early morning broadcasts. Other news media outlets also aired stories regarding the early morning accident.

Reserve the Dates/Arthur Winston 100th Birthday Events

Mr. Arthur Winston celebrates his 100th birthday on Wednesday March 22, 2006. _At least six events are scheduled to celebrate his birthday.

Los Angeles City Council Meeting - Friday March 17, 2006

Councilmembers Parks and Wesson and the Los Angeles City Council will honor Arthur at the 10 a.m. Friday March 17, 2006 meeting in the John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, of Los Angeles City Hall located at 200 North Spring Street in downtown Los Angeles. The City Council will proclaim Wednesday March 22, 2006 as Arthur Winston Day throughout the City of Los Angeles.

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Meeting - Tuesday March 21, 2006

Supervisor Burke and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will honor Arthur with a scroll presentation on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at the Board of Supervisors Meeting in Room 381 in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 at 9: 30 AM. The Board of Supervisors will proclaim Wednesday March 22, 2006 as Arthur Winston Day throughout the County of Los Angeles.

Arthur Winston Division Maintenance Shops - Wednesday March 22, 2006

A celebration and media event on the day of Arthur's 100th birthday and his retirement will be held at the Arthur Winston Division, 5425 Van Ness Avenue in Los Angeles starting at 11:30 am on Wednesday, March 22, 2006.

Metro Board Meeting - Thursday March 23, 2006

The Metro Board of Directors will present Arthur with a Metro Resolution at the Board Meeting, which starts at 9:30 a.m, on Thursday March 23, 2006.

Reception at Metro Building Plaza Level - Thursday March 23, 2006

Following the Board Meeting, between 12 noon and 1 p.m., on the Plaza Level of the Gateway Building, Metro will host a reception for Arthur. There will be a short program and people can stop by wish Mr. Winston well and sign his retirement scroll.

Dinner at Renaissance L.A. Airport Hotel - Saturday March 25, 2006

A dinner to celebrate Arthur's 100th birthday and his retirement will be held at the Renaissance L.A. Airport Hotel, 9620 Airport Boulevard in Los Angeles, from 6 p.m. to 12 midnight on Saturday March 25, 2006. A flyer for the event is attached.

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