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Metro Orange Line Success Continues

Passenger response to the Metro Orange Line continues to be very positive. The February ridership released today shows weekday boardings at 17,636, up from 16,100 in January. The average Saturday boardings in February were 10,576 and Sunday boardings were 8,496. Metro SFV General Manager Richard Hunt commented, "The continued strong ridership and the positive customer comments indicate that the Metro Orange Line service is meeting the community needs. Passengers enjoy the ride and appreciate the reduced travel time." Metro staff continues to look for ways to improve and enhance the Metro Orange Line operation. Later this month, Metro will advertise for a WI-FI wireless internet service provider for the Metro Orange Line vehicles. "It is an idea that we have been thinking about since opening day. This is just one more way to make the Metro Orange Line service a positive experience", said Hunt.

In addition, the Daily News and City News Service inquired about and staff provided, the February ridership numbers for the Metro Orange Line. Staff also referred to the most recent customer survey conducted in January, which revealed high customer satisfaction and large percentage of new riders on the line. Stories are expected to run today and tomorrow.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Compliance Review of Metro's DBE Program

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Office of Civil Rights has contracted with John Milligan and Company, LLC to perform a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Compliance Review of Metro's DBE Program. The entrance conference will be conducted during the period of Tuesday, March 7 through Thursday, March 9. The purpose of this review is to assess Metro's compliance with DBE requirements on FTA-assisted Metro contracts as set forth in Section 1003(b) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, 49 CFR

Part 26, as amended. The review is designed to review Transit providers efforts to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT contracts and to create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly on FTA-assisted contracts.

Exposition Construction Authority Awards Design/Build Contract

Media Relations issued a news release today announcing yesterday's action by the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority in awarding a design/build contract to FCI/Fluor/Parsons in the amount of \$420.2 million marking the official start of the project. The news release also noted the project received a Record of Decision (ROD) from the FTA earlier this week.

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