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## **Infrastructure Bond Update**

Government Relations staff have learned that the Senate may vote on its version of an infrastructure bond proposal on Thursday, March 9, 2006. The Senate proposal, as currently constructed, does not guarantee a fair share of funds for Los Angeles County. Accordingly, a Legislative Alert will be distributed in Sacramento beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, March 7. Board members are encouraged to communicate their concerns to members of the State Senate. This alert will be provided to Board members tomorrow.

## **Congressman Bill Thomas Announces Retirement**

Today, Congressman Bill Thomas (R-22) announced in Bakersfield that he plans to retire from Congress after serving nearly three decades in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Congressman represents California's 22nd Congressional District, which includes a portion of northern Los Angeles County. The decision ends a 14-term career that most recently culminated in a six-year tenure as chairman of the powerful House Committee on Ways and Means. Last year Congressman Thomas secured over \$600 million in transportation projects for his Congressional District (including \$330 million for the Centennial Corridor Loop in Bakersfield) in the transportation reauthorization bill that was signed into law by President Bush.

## **Savings Bond Sales Earn U.S. Treasury's 'Eagle Award' for Metro**

Last week, I accepted the "Eagle Award" from representatives of the company that markets bonds for the Treasury Department. The Eagle Award has not been presented to any U.S. company in the past two years. Precedent-setting growth in employee participation in the Savings Bond program has earned Metro this prestigious award from the U.S. Treasury Department. Metro's participation jumped from 123 employees to almost 3,000 – a more than 2,300 percent

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## **Metro Deploys New High-Capacity Buses On Metro Rapid Line 761**

Media Relations distributed a news release announcing that effective today, the state-of-the-art 45-foot “composite” buses have been added to Metro Rapid Line 761. The 21.4-mile Metro Rapid operates along Van Nuys Boulevard between Foothill and Ventura Boulevards, then continues through the Sepulveda Pass to Westwood, connecting to the Wilshire/Whittier Metro Rapid at Wilshire Boulevard.

The 45-foot buses are actually just a temporary addition to Metro Rapid Line 761. This summer they will be replaced by even larger buses: 60-foot-long articulated coaches that seat 57. The 45-foot coaches will then be moved to other lines to improve the level of service in other parts of the Valley.

[http://www.metro.net/news\\_info/press/metro\\_033.htm](http://www.metro.net/news_info/press/metro_033.htm)

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