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Metro Delegation Returns From APTA Conference in Washington

Director Lowenthal, Director Roberts and I just returned from the 2006 APTA Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. During the conference, we had an opportunity to hear from and meet with Members of Congress and key Administration officials from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and Department of Homeland Security. In addition, we held several meetings of our own with numerous members and staff of the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation. The annual "California TEA Party" on Capitol Hill, sponsored by Metro and other transportation agencies in California, was a very well attended event. One of the featured guests was Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta. He and I had an opportunity to visit with each other and discuss our current projects and priorities. All in all, it was a productive and successful trip for Metro.

California Transportation Commission Hearing

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) held a field hearing on the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) this morning in our Board Room. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and I spoke in support of the Exposition Light Rail Line. The CTC will consider advancing funds for the Exposition Project at their next meeting in Sacramento on March 16, 2006. The CTC also heard from officials from a number of other Southern California transportation agencies concerning the 2006 STIP.

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