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### **New Flyaway Airport Shuttle Service From Union Station To LAX**

I joined Mayor Villaraigosa and other elected officials and representatives from the Department of World Airports this morning at a news conference to announce the start of new Flyaway Airport Shuttle Service that will operate non-stop service from Union Station in downtown Los Angeles to LAX. The new partnership between Metro and Los Angeles World Airports should be welcome news for the many thousands of Metro Rail and Metro Bus and other transit riders who travel via Union Station. To encourage the use of public transit, from March 15 through March 31, riders presenting tickets or passes from public transit operators, including taxi receipts, can receive a free Flyaway roundtrip ticket. Media Relations also distributed a news release today and numerous media outlets attended today's press event with positive stories on the new service expected to air this afternoon on local television stations and tomorrow in the newspapers.

### **KNBC Story On Archeological Finds During Eastside Gold Line Construction**

KNBC News will air a story tonight on the archeological discoveries made during the construction of a retaining wall for the east portal of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension on the south side of the Los Angeles County Crematorium. The reporter was told that a special ad-hoc committee was formed to deal with the human remains found during the excavation work. The story is expected to air during the 6 p.m. newscast.

### **Transportation Concepts, Inc. Update**

Today, we successfully moved Line 96 temporarily to another contractor which allowed us to make full pullout this morning as well as this afternoon for the North Region's Lines 96, 167, 218, and 603.

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The letter from Transportation Concepts, Inc (TCI) management went out yesterday informing the drivers TCI intended to start the process of replacing them if they do not return to work today, March 15<sup>th</sup>. If they wait until after today a job may or may not be available when they return. This letter has shown signs of success with six drivers returning to work today.

Metro does not expect any further missed service and once TCI is fully staffed the Line 96 will be returned to the TCI operation.

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