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Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting

The Exposition Metro Line Authority Construction Board met today and approved staff's recommendation to execute the Assignment and Assumption Agreement for the Metro Preliminary Engineering Design Services contract and authorized the negotiation and execution of Phase III of the contract for design support services during construction. The Board also received a report on the proposed FY 07 budget of \$118 million. The proposed Expo Budget includes design-build contractor expenditures, Metro Agency and Exposition Authority costs, utility relocation, real estate and right-of-way costs, as well as professional services and third party review. Staff reported on the implementation of Urban Design Committee and Nomination Process. The Urban Design Committee will allow the community to have input into the aesthetics of the project. The Expo Board also received the monthly report on contracts approved by the CEO, the Quarterly Project Status and Monthly Oral Report.

State-Wide Transportation Impacts Due To Budget Deficits

The Los Angeles Times is preparing a story on the impacts to transportation projects throughout the State due to the budget deficit where gas tax monies were used to offset the State's deficit. Staff told the reporter that Metro used other funding during that time to keep our core transportation project moving forward. Those included the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension, the Metro Orange Line and the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project (Expo). The reporter was told that recently the CTC allocated \$208 million for the Expo project and that money previously budgeted for that project can now go toward highway projects that were deferred. Those include the northbound 405 Freeway HOV lanes, the I-5 Freeway widening project from the Orange County Line to the 605 Freeway and various other projects.

Metro Bus Detours Scheduled For April 1

Media Relations today issued a media advisory that outlines numerous detours that will take place in downtown Los Angeles tomorrow during the 8th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Walk. Metro Bus service operating in the vicinity of Cesar Chavez to the north, First Street to the south, Main & Los Angeles streets to the east and Broadway to the west will be impacted. Detour notices will be posted at those bus stops impacted by the annual event advising patrons where they can board their buses. The detours will be in operation from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 1. A total of 35 Metro Bus Lines will be impacted.

Third Annual Sector Governance Council Meet and Confer

On Wednesday, March 29th, Metro held its third annual Governance Council Meet and Confer at the Gateway Building. Governance Council (GC) members from Metro's five service sectors met with the executive management, General Managers, John Catoe and me. GC members received updates on the budget, service issues, Metro Connections, Consent Decree, and community outreach. They also heard updates on the Call for Projects, the on-going labor negotiations, and the outlook on the Long Range Transportation Plan. In turn, GC members expressed their concerns and provided input for improving transit service.

Sector Governance Council Meetings Set For April

Media Relations issued a news release to community newspapers this week announcing the April dates for the five Metro Service Sector's Governance Council meetings. The news release encouraged residents to attend the meetings in their specific community to find out more about Metro Bus service.

The April meetings are scheduled at the following times and places:

- Westside/Central Service Sector, Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 p.m., La Cienega Tennis Center, Sunset Room, 325 S. La Cienega Blvd., Beverly Hills.
- San Fernando Valley Service Sector, Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 p.m., Recreation Park, Multipurpose Room, 208 Park Ave., San Fernando.
- San Gabriel Valley Service Sector, Tuesday, April 11, 5 p.m., San Gabriel Valley Sector Office, 3369 Santa Anita Ave., El Monte.
- Gateway Service Sector, Thursday, April 13, 2 p.m., The Gas Company, 9240 Firestone Blvd., Downey.
- South Bay Service Sector, Friday, April 14, 9:30 a.m., Carson Community

Center, Room 206, 801 E. Carson, Carson.

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