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KABC News To Air Story Re: Metro's Operating Budget Deficit

KABC Eyewitness News inquired today regarding a published Daily News story that ran this morning regarding Metro's operating budget deficit. I told the reporter in an interview this afternoon that I will be presenting to the Board a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2007 using reserve dollars to plug a \$112 million deficit that calls for no fare increases. I also told the reporter that in future years unless either new revenue is found or Metro accomplishes cost savings and increases ridership, the agency will have depleted nearly all of its reserves by the end of the next fiscal year and will no longer be able to overcome its operating deficits. Additional revenues need to be sought from Sacramento and Washington as well as reviewing our present fare structure and see what modifications can be made to help generate additional revenues. I also highlighted accomplishments that have been made over the years in terms of implementing Metro Rapid Bus Lines and the opening of the Metro Orange Line. The story is expected to air at 6 p.m. tonight.

Revised AM Service for the Metro Gold Line

Monday, April 10, 2005 marks the beginning of a revised A.M. service schedule for the Metro Gold Line. The new schedule eliminates the first and last A.M. Express Service trains running northbound (5:35, 8:05 a.m.) and southbound (6:05, 8:35 a.m.). The eliminated Express Service trains will revert back to serving all Gold Line stops. The change was implemented due to nominal ridership on the first and last Express Trains in each direction in the morning.

13th Annual Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair

Metro is once again a proud sponsor of the Annual Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair (GLAVF). This year's fair, the 13th such fair, is themed Business

Opportunities Lead to Great Enterprises, and will consist of a ribbon cutting ceremony, which will be conducted by Los Angeles City Councilmember Jan Perry; a Buyer's Breakfast where our vendors will have an opportunity to meet with our Buyers and Contract Administrators; and a number of workshops designed to inform the business community on how to do business with the hosting agencies. A VIP Reception for this event is being held Monday, April 10, 2006 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the City Club on Bunker Hill in the Wells Fargo building. The actual fair is Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at the Los Angeles Convention Center from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm. Please join Metro and the four other hosting agencies, the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at these events.

APTA's Procurement Standards Oversight Committee

Metro will be participating in the APTA's Procurement Standards Oversight Committee. The committee's first meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, 2006 in conjunction with the APTA Bus Conference in Anaheim CA. Lonnie Mitchell, Executive Officer Procurement and Material Management, will chair this committee. This committee has been charged with determining what procurement standards would be appropriate and useful for the industry and in setting priorities for their development.

Of Note

On this date in 1920, the City of Los Angeles enacted its first traffic ordinances restricting or prohibiting parking or left turns from 9:30am to 6:15pm in the downtown area. Also on this date in 1974, predecessor agency, the Southern California Rapid Transit District, began working with other transit agencies and suppliers looking for additional buses to handle a large increase in ridership resulting from a \$.25 fare implemented April 1 with subsidies from the County of Los Angeles. The County subsidy ended two years later.

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