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Daily News Op-Ed Piece To Run Tomorrow

The Daily News is expected to run an Op-Ed piece I submitted to the newspaper regarding the many successes Metro has accomplished despite financial challenges facing the agency. The opinion piece notes that over the past four years Metro has made great strides in serving the people of the Los Angeles region with system improvements and new services, including the newly opened Metro Orange Line in the San Fernando Valley and the success it has enjoyed.

Metro's Employer Pass Program Highlighted On Fox 11 News

Fox 11 News interviewed Metro Commute Services staff today for a story they are preparing on Metro's Employer Pass Program. They also interviewed officials with Omni Hotel, one of the first employers to sign up for the Metro Employer Pass Program. The story will be part of an overall story dealing with the high cost of gas and transportation alternatives that are available for commuters.

Regional CEO Meeting

Last Friday, the CEOs from the Regional Transportation Commissions met to discuss the latest status of the proposed rail service expansion on the Orange County Metrolink Weekend Service. Metrolink provided a presentation on its proposal for a sealed corridor project along the Antelope Valley and Ventura Lines to ensure enhanced safety of trains, passengers, motorists, pedestrians and adjacent land users. The CEOs also received an update on the multi-county goods movement effort as well as the State's goods movement plans and the Southern California Freight Movement study. The next Regional CEO meeting will be held on Friday, May 19, 2006.

"On the Move" Awards Luncheon

The third annual "On the Move" awards luncheon will be held Tuesday May 9 from 12 noon to 1:30 pm in the Harry Chandler Auditorium at the Los Angeles Times building in downtown Los Angeles. The "On the Move" transportation curriculum outreach program was developed in partnership with the LA Times in Education program. "On the Move" offers a ten-lesson instructional program to grades four through eight in all schools in Los Angeles County schools, free of charge to teachers and was presented to nearly 80,000 students in 2,000 classrooms. Participation in the Art and Essay Contest grew over 300% from last year. The awards luncheon will honor the contest winners.

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