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APTA Peer Review of Metro Transit Security Program

At Metro's request, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) will conduct a "Peer Review" of the Metro Transit Security Program from May 15 through May 19, 2006. The central purpose of this peer review is to assist the agency in defining an efficient and effective model for the delivery of transit security that meets the objective of our Board adopted security policy. The peer review panel will consist of transit industry professionals who will examine each of the five organizational designs, developed by our staff as security program alternatives for consideration. They will express their views on how each alternative might be expected to perform in terms of stated objectives and industry "Best Practices".

Metro Ridership Gains

The Chicago Tribune interviewed media relations staff about Metro ridership gains, which, in the first quarter 2006, have increased 11.4 percent on Metro Rail and 7 percent on Metro Bus compared with first quarter 2005. Staff reported that higher ridership was a strong indication that more Los Angeles commuters were seeking relief from soaring gasoline prices, which, at \$3.25+ per gallon, now surpass the cost of the \$3 Metro Day Pass good for an entire day of commuting. Metro provides one of the most cost-effective day passes in the country, and is building a steadily expanding transit infrastructure that is providing more Angelenos with an alternative to solo driving. The story, expected to run this weekend, will focus on how commuters in major metropolitan cities are grappling with gas price increases.

Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting Agenda

The Exposition Metro Line Authority Construction Board is scheduled to meet this Friday May 5, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration,

3rd floor, Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room 381B.

The Board will consider staff's recommendations to approve the proposed FY 2007 budget and staff positions, and the Metro Master Cooperative Agreement. The Consent Calendar items are a Receive and File monthly report on CEO authorized contracts and adopting the Financial Institutions Resolution. The General Board Discussion item is a Monthly Project Status Update.

Of Note

On this date in 1895, Sherman & Clark, of Los Angeles Consolidated Electric Railway Co, begin operation of the first interurban line in the Los Angeles area under the name "Los Angeles and Pasadena Railway Company". The line links Los Angeles to Pasadena 10 miles to the Northeast. Pasadena's population tripled in the decade following the opening of the line.

On this date in 1974, the Southern California Rapid Transit District held a special board meeting to discuss the national fuel shortage crisis. Thirteen oil companies declined to bid on diesel and gasoline contracts for L.A's transit system, threatening its ability to provide service during a time of surging demand.

The board passed a resolution urging the President of the United States, California's congressional representatives, the Department of Transportation and the Office of Emergency Preparedness to enact legislation requiring that public transit agencies be given first priority in the allocation of petroleum products so that the public can be assured of uninterrupted public transportation services, and further urging that petroleum products be placed under price controls.

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