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## **Update - SB 1507 (Margett) - Restructures Metro Board Composition**

Today, Senator Bob Margett removed SB 1507 from the inactive file. This means that the bill could be subject to amendments and considered by the Senate as early as next week. SB 1507 must be passed out of the Senate by June 2, 2006 or it will die.

## **Solar Panel Event At Metro Bus Division 15 In Sun Valley**

Metro has scheduled a solar panel event on Friday, May 26 from 10 am to 11 am at Metro Bus Division 15 located at 11900 Branford Street in Sun Valley. On the one-year anniversary of their installation, Metro will announce that its solar panels at Bus Division 15 and 8 in the San Fernando Valley have saved the agency approximately \$150,000 in electricity costs. The solar project is the biggest of its kind in the transit industry, with nearly 1,700 solar panels atop four roofs that together generate AC 425 kilowatts of peak electric power. The panels provide 15-20 percent of the divisions' total energy needs by generating an estimated 700,000 kilowatt-hours per year. The Solar Panel project demonstrates Metro's commitment to green power and exemplifies how a major agency can take advantage of state incentive programs to implement renewable energy solutions in Los Angeles County.

## **New Time Reporting System**

As part of our efforts to continuously improve and streamline processes, we ushered in a new age of paperless payroll reporting called E-Time for all employees other than operators and mechanics. Advantages of the new time reporting system include employee control over their own timesheets, historical payroll data available to each employee, electronic routing and supervisor approvals plus the elimination of costs for scanning and tracking timesheets for

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record retention purposes. Over 2,600 employees were trained on the new system and the project was successfully implemented at the end of March 2006

### **Metro Bike To Work Day Media Coverage**

Numerous media outlets covered today's Bike to Work Day as part of Bike Commute Week. Early this morning several local television stations were at various locations throughout the region reporting on individuals participating in Bike to Work Day. Metro received extensive position news coverage regarding offering free rides to those biking to work on Channels 2/9, 4, 5, 7, 11, 34 & 62 as well as reports on KFWB radio. Additional stories are expected to run this afternoon as well.

### **Preliminary Results for Bike To Work Day**

3,000 LA County residents pledged online at metro.net to ride their bike to work. This is a 50% increase from the number of pledges received last year. Participants were entered into a drawing to win a commuter bike from REI and other prizes that will be awarded during the week of May 29. Free rides were provided on Bike to Work Day by Metro, Beach Cities Transit, Commerce Municipal Bus Lines, Commuter Express, Gardena Municipal Bus Lines, Montebello Bus Lines, and Norwalk Transit to bicyclists boarding with their bike and/or bike helmet. This is the first year that other municipal operators participated in the event. In addition, bicyclists were invited to stop by at 14 different pit stop locations throughout the county and receive free give-aways, refreshments, the new Metro countywide bike map and informational materials on bicycling to work and taking bikes on Metro.

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