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State Budget Update

Today, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #5 approved staff's recommendation to allocate Public Transportation Account (PTA) spillover funds in the following manner: 85 percent of the balance of spillover revenues in 2006-07 and 85 percent of next year's spillover is allocated through the State Transit Assistance (STA) formula. The remaining 15 percent would be provided to Caltrans for intercity rail capital improvements.

This recommendation will now be considered in the budget conference committee process. The Senate and the Governor must also approve it before it can be implemented.

Service Interrupted On the Metro Blue and Green Lines

An electrical problem this morning interrupted Metro Blue Line service for about four hours in Long Beach. The tracks between Pacific Coast Highway and Willow Street were closed shortly before 5 a.m. due to a problem at an electrical vault that serves the lines that power the trains. Train passengers were taken around the area on buses. Rail service was restored shortly before 9 a.m.

In a separate incident this morning a car crashed on the I-105 Freeway in Downey ending up on a Metro Green Line track. The crash occurred at 5:50 a.m. this morning resulting in interrupted Metro Green Line service between the Norwalk and Long Beach stations. The accident was cleared at 8 a.m. and normal rail service was restored. A bus bridge was set up to transport passengers around the area involved in the crash. No train passengers were injured and Metro Green Line trains were not involved in the accident. Media Relations responded to numerous media requests from television and radio stations this morning and storied regarding the two incidents aired throughout the morning.

Department Of Health Services Conference Held At Gateway

The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services today held a conference at Gateway focusing on how obesity and other health problems related to sedentary lifestyles result from local government transportation and land use planning decisions. The conference focused on how to create environments that encourage physically active transportation options such as walking and bicycling. Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and I attended a morning press conference where we noted that Metro is working to create those environments and offers commuters and others the option of bicycling and walking in tandem with public transit. Channels 7 and Fox News, La Opinion and Asian press attended the press conference.

Brea Canyon Road Grade Separation Project Groundbreaking

The Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) is holding a groundbreaking ceremony to commemorate the start of construction on the Brea Canyon Road Grade Separation Project on Monday June 5, 2006 at 10 a.m. at the southwest corner of the Industry Metrolink Station parking lot located at 600 S. Brea Canyon Road in the City of Industry. Metro is a funding partner for ACE. The \$51.7 million Brea Canyon project is part of a \$950 million, multi-year ACE construction effort to improve safety and reduce congestion at 42 grade crossings across the San Gabriel Valley.

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