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## **House Committee on Appropriations Passes Bill That Provides \$100 Million For Eastside Light Rail Project**

The full House Committee on Appropriations moved this evening to adopt the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development bill for Fiscal Year 2007. The bill includes a total of \$572 million for major rail projects with Full Funding Grant Agreements, including \$100 million for the Eastside Light Rail Project.

The measure passed today includes a total of \$8.9 billion for transit projects and programs, a 5.6% increase over the amount appropriated by Congress last year. The bill also includes \$39 billion in funding for highways, a 10% increase over the amount appropriated last year. According to committee documents, the bill provides \$2.9 billion in highway funding for the State of California, a 25% increase over the amount appropriated last year.

Metro's Government Relations staff will carefully review the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development bill for Fiscal Year 2007 to identify its fiscal impact on our agency.

## **Metro Blue Line Vs. Pedestrian Accident**

A northbound Metro Blue Line train struck and killed a pedestrian at the Gage Avenue crossing about ½ mile north of the Florence station at about 11:30 a.m., today. No injuries were reported on the train. The accident occurred in a residential section of the Florence community. LASD deputies and a Metro Rail TOS responded to the scene of the accident. As a result of the fatality, both tracks are blocked for a time this afternoon, impacting service. A bus bridge between the Florence and Slauson stations was implemented to transport passengers on board the trains. Trains had to be turned back at the Florence

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and Slauson stations until the incident cleared. The cause of accident is currently under investigation. We resumed full service at 2:41 p.m. this afternoon. Media Relations responded to media inquires regarding the accident from KCBS/KCAL-TV, KMEX-TV and KFWB radio. Stories may air this afternoon.

### **Metro Featured On New Spanish TV Station**

A reporter from KBEH-TV Channel 63, a new Spanish language TV station in Los Angeles interviewed Metro staff regarding various Metro programs and services such as Metro Rapid, Metro Orange Line, the fare system and recent LASD operational fare stings on the Metro Rail system. Also noted was how Metro works with transit partners such as Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Caltrans, California Highway Patrol and SCAG in trying to improve mobility in the region. A story is expected to air sometime in July.

### **North Hollywood Joint Development**

The Daily News inquired today regarding the status of possible joint development occurring around the Metro Red Line North Hollywood Station. Staff reported that a request for qualifications (RFQ) is being prepared and should be out in the next 30 days. The site is approximately 16.5 acres in and around the Metro Red and Orange Line stations in North Hollywood. Staff noted that they are looking at a mixed-use/residential/commercial development in the area that could include housing with up to 400 units. It will be one of the largest developments, covering nearly 2 million square feet of space. The story is expected to run this weekend.

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