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U.S. House of Representatives Passes Fiscal Year 2007 Transportation Appropriations Bill

The U.S. House of Representatives moved this evening to overwhelmingly adopt, by a vote of 406 to 22 the Fiscal Year 2007 Transportation, Treasury, Housing & Urban Development (TTHUD) bill. The measure, which the full House Committee on Appropriations on June 6, includes \$39.1 billion for the federal-aid highways program and \$8.9 billion for transit projects and programs. The FY07 TTHUD bill includes \$100 million for the Eastside Light Rail Project and a number of other earmarks for highway and transit projects in Los Angeles County. The U.S. Senate is expected to act on its transportation appropriations measure for Fiscal Year 2007 next month.

Media Coverage on 710 Tunnel Study

Channel 7 (KABC) interviewed me today regarding the 710 tunnel feasibility study for a story that will likely air tonight. In addition, the Los Angeles Times is expected to do a Thursday editorial about the study and the opportunity to finally close the freeway gap between the 710 and 210 freeways although funding remains an issue.

Metro Security on First Anniversary of London Subway Bombings

CBS Evening News contacted Commander Dan Finkelstein (LASD) about the new cameras and other security on the Metro system that has been bolstered in the wake of last summer's London subway bombings. CBS may shoot footage of Metro's security improvements for a story that will air in the next week.

Of Note

On this day in 2000, two Metro Blue Line Cars were repainted in Pacific Electric Red Car Livery to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Metro Blue Line.

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