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Congressional Hearing Focuses on Intermodalism in Transportation Planning

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held a hearing today on the use of intermodalism in transportation planning. The hearing, chaired by U.S. Representative Tom Petri (R-WI), focused on the vital role states, regions and local communities play in promoting and improving intermodal transportation. The hearing consisted of three panels. The first panel featured testimony from Jeffrey Shane, Under Secretary for Policy at the U.S. Department of Transportation. The second panel consisted of witnesses who addressed how intermodalism can improve passenger transportation. The third panel examined how intermodalism is essential to freight transportation. The Alameda Corridor was cited by the subcommittee as a successful example of intermodal planning. Rick Richmond, the Chief Executive Officer for the Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority provided testimony as part of the hearing's third panel. As part of his testimony, Richmond emphasized that southern California plays a major role in the goods movement challenges facing the United States.

Big Rig Freeway Service Patrol

Yesterday, a reporter from City of Lakewood cable TV station rode along in a Metro Freeway Service Patrol Big Rig as part of a follow-up story on the free big rig tow patrol service that is being offered to truckers on the 710 Freeway. The story will focus on how the big rig program works in assisting truckers stranded on the freeway. The story will be part of a series to run during July and August.

The Metro Freeway Service Patrol "Big Rig" demonstration project began October 3, 2005. It uses two heavy-duty Metro-provided tow trucks to roam along the 17 mile stretch of the I-710 freeway from Pacific Coast Highway on the

south end, up to 3rd Street within the City of Commerce (just below Rte 60). The demonstration is operated weekdays from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. The purpose of the demonstration is to more quickly locate and provide assistance to a 6000 pound or heavier disabled vehicle, thus mitigating traffic congestion. Our tow trucks can assist by either doing minor repairs, or issue sufficient fuel to get the vehicle to the nearest gas/diesel facility. More seriously-disabled vehicles are towed off the freeway to designated drop locations. The demo project is for a two-year period, with an option for a third year.

<u>Total Assists:</u>	886	<u>Types of Assists</u>	
October	139	Mechanical	47%
November	133	Collision	13%
December	91	Flat Tire	7%
January	111	Need Gas	2%
February	89	Other*	31%
March	131	<u>Tow Required?</u>	
April	104	Yes	27%
May	98	No	65

Average Daily Assists: 5-7 assists/day

*Includes: waiting for truck company's own services; resting along shoulder, lost, debris removal; no problem identified

Government Finance Officers Association

For the seventh year in a row, Metro has earned the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The certificate represents the highest recognition available for state and local governments who prepare a comprehensive annual financial report and is awarded annually by the Government Finance Officers Association.

More Advertising Revenue Sought

The Los Angeles Times and City News Service are expected to do stories today and tomorrow on the Executive Management and Audit Committee approval of proposals by the Mayor and Director Katz to seek an additional \$14 million in advertising revenue in the next fiscal year by pursuing a range of options from expanding vending contracts to selling ads on Metro Rail trains and in stations to putting private ads on Metro.net. The Los Angeles Times also inquired today regarding the possibility of advertising on Metro Orange Line buses, recently released May ridership estimates and capacity issues regarding the line.

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