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State Budget Update

As negotiations on the State Budget continue we are hearing that the budget may be considered in both the Senate and Assembly on Tuesday, June 20, 2006. All indications are that the transportation component of the budget is not an issue in these discussions. Staff will continue to closely monitor the progress of discussions.

Assembly Transportation Committee Hearing

The Assembly Transportation Committee is scheduled to consider a number of measures on Monday June 19, 2006. Included on the agenda is SB 1384 (Kuehl) which would make clarifying changes to the statute governing the Exposition Light Rail Construction Authority. Also on the agenda is SB 208 (Alquist) which was recently amended to address long term funding for projects in the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP). Staff are in communication with the sponsors of this measure as it may be an opportunity to provide protection for many of Metro's projects in the TCRP. Metro's Legislative Program includes support for the long-term preservation of the TCRP and funding for the projects. SB 208 will be presented to the Board for a formal position at a future Board meeting.

Surface Transportation Policy Project Coalition Workshop

The Surface Transportation Policy Project Coalition is holding a two-day workshop at Metro on Tuesday and Wednesday June 27 and 28, 2006. The workshop's purpose is to bring leaders together from the Los Angeles area and others from throughout the state to learn how recently-enacted SAFETEA-LU law can help build communities, serve people and expand travel options and to

consider opportunities for partnering with others seeking the same outcomes.

Registration is free at <http://www.transact.org/2006workshops/> . Attached is the preliminary agenda for the Los Angeles Workshop.

Solar Panel Event at Metro Bus Division 15 in Sun Valley – New Date and Time

Metro has rescheduled the solar panel event for Friday, July 7 from 9:30 am to 10:30 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.

Upcoming CEO Meetings and Events

Next week, I will be meeting separately with Supervisors Antonovich; Burke; Molina; and Yaroslavsky; and Directors Fasana and Fleming. I will also be attending the Valley Transit Improvements Press Event and the City of Beverly Hills Subway Committee Luncheon.

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