

# **Daily Brief**

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### High Ridership on the Metro Orange Line

*The Urban Transportation Monitor* will be doing a story on the success of the Metro Orange Line and efforts the agency is making to increase capacity. Metro Media Relations staff provided ridership figures for the line, and stated that, while current ridership has grown to nearly 22,000 average weekday boardings, the agency still has capacity and can add more buses to the service. Metro is currently evaluating the future possibility of having manufacturers build 80-foot buses to run on the Orange Line's exclusive transitway. Metro also continues to improve safety. Photo enforcement cameras are being installed this summer at 12 intersections to further dissuade drivers from running red lights. New interactive DVD safety presentations produced by Metro Community Relations have also been distributed to 30,000 Valley residents. The Metro Orange Line has become one of Metro's greatest success stories. In fact, the California Transportation Foundation recently awarded the Metro Orange Line two TRANNY Awards – both Project of the Year and Transit Project of the Year. This story is expected to run in the publication's next edition.

### **Reserve the Dates/Upcoming Events**

# Surface Transportation Policy Project Coalition Workshop – Tuesday and Wednesday June 27 and June 28

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 from the Los Angeles are and elsewhere throughout the state together 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 to seek mutually beneficial outcomes. Registration is free at <u>http://www.transact.org/2006workshops/</u>.

Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Open House - Wednesday

### <u>June 28</u>

The Exposition Metro Line Authority Construction Board will hold an Open House on Wednesday June 28 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at their new office location at 707 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 3400, in downtown Los Angeles.

### Mobility 21 Executive Committee Meeting - Thursday June 29, 2006

The Mobility 21 Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 29 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the board room of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce located at 350 South Bixel Street.

### Flower Street Design Improvement Community Meeting – Thursday June 29

The Exposition Construction Authority has scheduled a community meeting for Thursday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Flower Street design improvements. The meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Orthopaedic Hospital Medical Magnet High School located at 300 West 23rd Street in Los Angeles.

### Solar Panel – Friday July 7, 2006

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 Divisions 8 and 15 in the San Fernando Valley have saved the agency approximately \$150,000 in electricity costs.

## Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension RAC Ad-Hoc Committee – Thursday July 27, 2006

The next meeting of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Review Advisory Committee (RAC) Ad-Hoc Subcommittee is scheduled for Thursday July 27 at 6:30pm at the Boyle Heights Senior Citizen Center located at 2839 E. 3rd Street in Los Angeles.

#### Mobility 21 Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday August 30, 2006

The Mobility 21 Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 30 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the board room of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce located at 350 South Bixel Street.

#### FTA Quarterly Review – Wednesday August 30, 2006

The FTA New Starts Projects Quarterly Review meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 30 at 10 a. m. in the Metro Gateway Conference Room.

# CalACT Autumn Conference – Wednesday September 27 to Friday September 29

The California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT) Autumn Conference is scheduled at the Hilton Burbank Airport and Convention Center from Wednesday September 27 to Friday September 29.

### I-710 Executive Committee Meeting - Thursday September 28, 2006

The next meeting of the I-710 Executive Committee is scheduled for Thursday September 28 following the Metro Board meeting.

### Mobility 21 Executive Committee Meeting - Wednesday October 4, 2006

The Mobility 21 Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 4 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the board room of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce located at 350 South Bixel Street.

### APTA Annual Meeting – Sunday October 8 to Wednesday October 11, 2006

The APTA Annual Meeting will be held in San Jose, California from Sunday October 8 to Wednesday October 11. Metro will receive the Outstanding Achievement Award as the best public transportation authority in the country on Tuesday October 10.

### Mobility 21 Annual Summit – Monday October 30, 2006

The 2006 Mobility 21 Summit is scheduled for Monday October 30 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sheraton Universal Hotel located at 333 Universal Hollywood Drive in Universal City.

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