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Possible Metro Green Line Extension to LAX

KABC 7 interviewed Metro Planning staff today regarding a possible future extension of the Metro Green Line to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Staff reported that this extension was included in the agency's original Metro Green Line plan, but was halted in 1990 due to the Airport's concern that the line would adversely affect their operations. The extension is, however, part of Metro's 2001 Long Range Transportation Plan, and could cost approximately \$293 million if moved forward by the Board of Directors this year. Los Angeles World Airports is currently in the process of re-evaluating its master plan and has engaged in preliminary discussions with Metro staff about resurrecting the extension. Staff informed KABC 7 that the new Flyaway Shuttle service between Union Station and LAX is growing in popularity, with 20,000 boardings reported in May. The Metro Green Line is also carrying more riders, with approximately 40,000 daily riders. The story is expected to air during the 5 o'clock news hour today.

City of South Pasadena Council Meeting Recap

At last night's South Pasadena City Council Meeting, I, along with Director Failing and Metro Planning staff, discussed the findings of the Route 710 Preliminary Tunnel Feasibility Assessment Study. The session was followed by a question and answer period. The next presentation of the Tunnel Study findings will be at the San Marino City Council meeting on July 12, 2006 at 6:30pm.

Mobility 21 Executive Committee Meeting Recap

The Mobility 21 Executive Committee met this morning at the headquarters of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. Elected officials from cities

throughout Los Angeles County were present including Long Beach, Carson, Downey, and South Pasadena. Representatives from a number of local legislators' offices, economic coalitions and private firms were in attendance, as well. A major topic of discussion was the Annual Mobility 21 Summit scheduled for October 30, 2006 at the Sheraton Universal Hotel. Working groups were formed to brainstorm topics and speakers for the Summit's plenary and breakout sessions. Metro staff also reported on the status of key state and federal legislation.

On a separate note, Ron Gastelum, the Executive Vice President of the Chamber participated in the Committee via conference call and informed the group that his term with the Chamber will end next month in July.

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