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Metro Line 260 Bus Involved in Fatal Accident in Pasadena

Last night, Metro staff responded to the scene of a fatal accident involving a Line 260 bus in Pasadena shortly before 8:00 p.m. The unfortunate incident occurred when the northbound bus struck and killed a four-year old girl who had ridden her tricycle down a steep driveway into the street in the area of Fair Oaks & Tremont. The Pasadena Police Department (PPD) treated the incident as an accident and ruled that the operator was driving within the speed limit. The operator was then transported to PPD for his own safety after a large group gathered, and to complete the requisite drug screen. Reports of the accident aired on Channels 4, 5, 7, 11 and 52. The *Los Angeles Times* and Associated Press also carried stories.

Metro Red Line Bomb Threat Phoned in to LAPD

Media Relations provided information today to the City News Service and Channels 2, 4, 11, and 52 concerning a bomb threat called in to the Los Angeles Police Department at 5 a.m. this morning. In response to the threat, the Rail Operations Center closed the Westlake/MacArthur Park station. To continue providing passenger transit service, the Bus Operations Center set up a bus bridge between the 7th & Metro and Wilshire/Vermont stations. Bomb-sniffing dogs from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office found no explosives, and regular subway service was able to resume at 6:40 a.m.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Announces Transit Security Grants for FY 2006

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has released their transit grant allocations for Fiscal Year 2006 including \$150 million for transit and rail security grants. Metro, along with Metrolink, will be receiving a \$4 million rail security allocation from the Transit Security Grant Program. In addition, Metro, OCTA, LADOT, Foothill Transit, Big Blue Bus and Long Beach Transit will collectively receive a \$2.2 million grant from the Intercity Bus Regional Program.

FY 2007 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill Advances

The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee moved yesterday to approve the Homeland Security Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2007. This measure provides \$31.7 billion in discretionary funding, including \$3.3 billion for first responder grants. Allocations of \$745 million for Urban Area Security Initiative grants and \$150 million for rail and transit security grants were also included.

Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting Agenda

The Exposition Metro Line Authority Construction Board is scheduled to meet Thursday July 6, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room 381B.

At this time, the Board will consider staff's recommendations to authorize the CEO to execute a contract for Construction Management Support Services, to issue an Interim Work Order to the City of Los Angeles and to purchase Universal Fare System equipment. The Board will also be asked to defer legal services hourly rate increases until the October meeting and to consider a motion by Director Parks to approve several salary offers of over \$125,000. The Consent Calendar items include a receive and file monthly report on CEO-approved contracts, the approval of a Deferred Compensation Plan and a review of the public comment process. The items up for discussion by the General Board include a Monthly Project Status Update and the Design-Build Contractor's Proposed Schedule.

Upcoming CEO Meetings and Events

Next week, I will be meeting with Councilmember Tom LaBonge. I will also be attending the Expo Board Meeting (see above) and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Transportation Committee Meeting. Additionally, I will be participating in the Solar Panel Event in Sun Valley with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Director Katz and other elected officials.

Of Note

On July 1, 1874, Los Angeles' first rail public transportation line, a horse drawn rail trolley known as the Spring & West Sixth Railway, opened.

On July 1, 1991, the Metro Freeway Service Patrol is inaugurated. It now operates 145 tow trucks on 400+ miles of Los Angeles County freeways to assist disabled motorists and to reduce traffic congestion. Since inception, it has assisted almost 4 million motorists and is the largest program of its kind.

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