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## **Transportation Secretary Mineta Urges Nation to Enhance Transportation Infrastructure**

One day before leaving office as the longest serving Transportation Secretary in U.S. history, Norman Mineta delivered a speech to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C. in which he warned Americans that the nation's economy, safety and quality of life will all suffer without robust efforts to strengthen the nation's transportation infrastructure. Specifically, Mineta remarked that:

Around the globe, I find a growing recognition among my counterparts that the development of transportation systems has become a major determinant of a nation's economic success. And while the rest of the world is building up its infrastructure, the United States can ill-afford to close the door on much-needed investments – even international investments – in our transportation network. Not when our economic competitiveness depends on our ability to move products and people more efficiently in our growing economy.

Secretary Mineta submitted his formal letter of resignation to President Bush on June 20, 2006. A former House member from California (1975-95), Mineta served as chairman of the Public Works and Transportation Committee from 1992 to 1994. He also served as Commerce Secretary during the Clinton Administration, becoming the first Asian-American Cabinet member in history.

## **Construction Work Continues on Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension**

Media Relations distributed a news release today announcing the installation of a gas line, street restoration work and bridge retrofit construction work set to

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commence this week on the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension. As of today, construction crews began installing a gas line on First Street between Lorena and Indiana streets. This project will take three weeks to complete with construction occurring Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Traffic lane reductions and restricted parking will be necessary in certain areas. Beginning Monday, July 10 restoration work will be conducted on the north side of Pomona Boulevard from Woods Avenue to Atlantic Boulevard. This work is expected to last ten weeks, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition, the 710 Freeway overpass on 3rd Street between Humphrey Avenue and Ford Boulevard will be retrofitted during this same time period. Work on this part of the project is expected to last for six weeks with construction taking place Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### **Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting Recap**

The Exposition Metro Line Authority Construction Board met today and voted 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 also approved a deferral of legal service hourly rate increases until the October meeting. Additionally, the Board approved a motion requiring the CEO to inform them of any hires over the \$125,000 salary threshold. The Consent Calendar items approved included a monthly report on CEO-approved contracts, a Deferred Compensation Plan and a review of the public comment process. Finally, the Board heard discussion on the Monthly Project Status Update and carried-over the Design-Build Contractor's Proposed Schedule until the next meeting.

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