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Damage Claims Being Processed From Division 10 Employee Incident

Within 24 hours, Metro employees were on the scene with claim forms and an appraiser to evaluate the extent of vehicular damage from last week's Division 10 Employee Incident. Employees will be reimbursed quickly for damaged property or rental car expenses. The agency has already received, and is evaluating, several claims for vehicles damaged during the incident.

Senate Subcommittee Clears Transportation Spending Bill

Earlier today, the U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, HUD and Related Agencies marked up and approved its draft FY 2007 spending bill. Although details are not yet available, the Subcommittee fully funded transit and highway programs as authorized by SAFETEA-LU. The measure will next be considered before the full Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday. I will inform you as dollar figures for specific spending projects become available.

Wilshire/Western Joint Development Groundbreaking Media Event

KOAR Wilshire Western, LLC has scheduled a groundbreaking media event for the newest transit-oriented development on the Metro Red Line at the Wilshire/Western Station. The event will take place on the street level of the station, located at 3775 Wilshire Blvd. from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26th. The Wilshire/Western development will contain approximately 186 condominium units on 22 stories, 40,000 square feet of retail space, 570 parking spaces and a 12-space bus layover facility. The project is a joint development between Metro and KOAR Wilshire Western, LLC and scheduled to open in mid-2008.

Metro Project Expenditures

Earlier today, the *Daily News* inquired about Metro's policies pertaining to project expenditures. Staff reported that it provides financial standards to the Metro Board annually which outline procedures and specify which project expenditures require Board approval. For example, Board approval is mandated for any new project with a cost exceeding \$1 million. Information may appear in a story slated to run tomorrow.

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