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Chinese Delegation from Hebei Province to Visit Metro This Week

Metro will be hosting a delegation of Chinese transportation officials from the Hebei Province this Thursday, August 17th. Metro staff will brief the international delegation on our agency's role in planning, programming and operating transportation systems for the nearly 10 million people who live and work in Los Angeles County. The event will be held at 2:00 p.m. in Metro's Malibu Conference Room on the 25th floor. Metro Board Members wishing to attend this meeting are encouraged to contact my office for more information.

Metro to Host Danish Transport Minister

Denmark's Minister of Transport and Energy, H.E. Flemming Hansen, will be visiting Metro on Tuesday, August 29th to learn about Los Angeles County's rail and bus programs. I will be making a presentation during this time and Metro staff will be providing a tour of a number of our rail lines. This briefing will be held at 8:30 a.m. in Metro's Union Station conference room on the 3rd floor. Metro Board Members are welcome to attend and may contact my office to RSVP.

Guaranteed Ride Home Program

Today the *Los Angeles Garment & Citizen* requested information on Metro's Guaranteed Ride Home program. Staff reported that this new program is offered at no cost to participating employers and their workers in an effort to encourage ridesharing. The program addresses the most often-heard objection to ridesharing by providing qualified employees with a free rental car or taxi in case

of an emergency during workday. The story is expected to run by the end of the week.

Homeland Security Grants

Earlier today, the *Los Angeles Daily News* requested information regarding the number of grants Metro has received from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security since the September 11th terrorist attacks. Metro staff provided the amounts of the grants, which together total \$10,250,380. The story is expected to run in the next few days.

Metro Rail Safety Measures

Last Friday, a bus driver from New Jersey Transit struck a light rail train car from the same transit agency. At least 13 people were injured in the accident. *The Jersey Journal* subsequently requested information regarding the safety measures Metro utilizes on at-grade light rail train crossings to help prevent accidents. Staff detailed Metro's the measures that have been implemented along our rail alignments, including lights, bells, horns, cameras, motorcycle police officers, and four-quadrant gates. The story is expected to run in the next couple of days.

Of Note

On this day in 1958, the El Monte Division was officially designated as Division 9 by our predecessor agency, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (1951-1964). The agency acquired the property in its purchase of Metropolitan Coach Lines, the successor to Pacific Electric, earlier that same year.



On August 15th 1984, the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission committed \$406.6 million in local matching funds for the federally funded Metro

Rail subway project, bringing the project closer to its eventual September 29, 1986 groundbreaking.

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