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Metro Orange Line Accident

At approximately 1:45 p.m. this afternoon, a van ran a red light and struck a Metro Orange Line bus. The Metro Liner was traveling eastbound on Victory Boulevard when it was hit by the van traveling northbound on Balboa Boulevard. Two people were transported to a local hospital with minor injuries. KNX 1070 Newsradio inquired into the accident and a story will likely air later today.

August 14th Metro Bus Accident

This morning, *Los Angeles Downtown News* requested an update to last Monday's accident involving two Metro buses at Olive and 17th Streets in downtown Los Angeles. Staff reported that the investigation by both Metro staff and the Los Angeles Police Department is ongoing. The downtown weekly newspaper will run a story in their next edition.

State Legislative Update

The State Legislature took action today on a number of bills, including several in Metro's legislative program. The following summarizes the actions:

Senate Bill 1749, authored by Senator Carol Migden, authorizes the creation of Transit Adjudication Bureaus for the enforcement of penal code violations on transit properties. SB 1749 was approved by the Assembly and will now be returned to the Senate for a concurrence vote.

Senate Bill 1384, authored by Senator Sheila Kuehl, clarifies language for the

Exposition Light Rail Construction Authority. This measure was approved by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. The Committee also approved Senate Bill 1687, authored by Senator Kevin Murray, which relates to the completion dates for projects in Metro's sales tax authorizations. These bills will now be considered by the full Assembly in the coming days. Alternatively, Senate Bill 1611, authored by Senator Joe Simitian, which pertains to congestion management fees, was held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's Suspense File.

Government Relations staff will continue to monitor these and other important measures in the final weeks of the 2005-06 Legislative Session, the last day of which is August 31st.

Regional CEO Meeting Agenda

The Regional Transportation Chief Executive Officer's meeting will be held this Friday, at 11:30 a.m. in the Malibu Conference Room at the Gateway Headquarters building. Agenda items include an update on status of the Goods Movement Memorandum of Understanding, the possibility of the expansion of Mobility 21 in the Southern California area and the Regional Rideshare Interagency Agreement. The Metrolink agency Chief Executive Officer's will also discuss the State Infrastructure Bond Program and the Metrolink Cost Allocation Formula.

Transit Terrorism Awareness Classes

Earlier today, a reporter from KFI 640 AM interviewed Los Angeles Sheriff's Department's (LASD) Transit Service Bureau Commander Dan Finkelstein about yesterday's Transit Terrorist Awareness class for Metro employees. Staff reported that since April 2004, deputies from LASD have trained more than 10,000 Metro employees in classes at the operating divisions and Headquarters. The one hour class teaches employees how to detect odd behavior and to distinguish between suspicious and unattended packages. The station aired the story several times throughout the day.

Free Rides for Full Uniformed Law Enforcement Officers

The *Los Angeles Times* and City News Service covered today's Executive Management and Audit Committee meeting which adopted a free ride policy for all uniformed law enforcement officers on the Metro Bus and Rail system. The measure will apply to all of Los Angeles County's sworn law enforcement officers who are both in uniform and wearing equipment belts. The full Metro Board will consider the proposal at next Thursday's regular Board Meeting. Stories are

expected to run today and tomorrow.

***Reminder: The 30-day warning enforcement period for the newly-installed photo enforcement cameras at twelve Metro Orange Line intersections will end tomorrow, August 18th. Motorists will now begin receiving citations in a similar fashion to other photo-enforced intersections throughout the City of Los Angeles.

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