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Key Congressman, Top FTA Official to Visit Metro

Next week, Metro will be hosting two federal transportation officials from Washington, DC. Sandy Bushue, Deputy Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), will visit Metro headquarters on the morning of Tuesday, August 29th. During her visit, she will be briefed on Metro's ongoing projects and programs. Ms. Bushue will also be provided with a tour of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension and the Metro Orange Line.

Ms. Bushue served as FTA's Acting Administrator until last week, when James Simpson was sworn into office as the new Administrator following his confirmation by the U.S. Senate earlier this month. She has been with the agency for the past year and will be making her first visit to Los Angeles in her capacity as Deputy Administrator.

In addition, Congressman Joe Knollenberg (R-MI), Chairman of the House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, will visit Metro on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 30th. I will be meeting with him from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm to provide an overview of our ongoing projects.

All Board members are invited to attend one or both meetings. For further details and to RSVP, please contact my office.

Consent Decree Inquiry

The *Daily News* has inquired about the San Fernando Valley neighborhood council meetings recently attended by representatives from the Bus Riders Union (BRU) to encourage support for extension of the Consent Decree. Staff did not comment on the pending legal request, but asserted that the agency believes it has been fully compliant with the agreement. In fact, Metro has spent

more than \$1 billion on bus service improvements over the past ten years. The agency was also singled out by the American Public Transportation Association as winner of its prestigious Outstanding Transportation System Award for 2006 for all of the improvements in efficiency and effectiveness made to the region's transportation network. The story is expected to run tomorrow.

Los Angeles – Orange County Vehicle Trips

Earlier today, the Orange County Bureau of the *Los Angeles Times* inquired about new numbers provided by the Orange County Transportation Authority which conclude that by the year 2030, the majority of daily vehicle trips will be made from Los Angeles County to Orange County. This is contrary to the current commute status quo with a large percentage of Orange County residents driving to employment in Los Angeles County. Staff reported that Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan, which models population and employment forecasts provided by the Southern California Associated Governments, still estimates that Los Angeles County will continue to have the greatest number of inbound trips from Orange County during this time period. The story is expected to run in the next couple of days.

APTA Peer Review on Fares

In February 2006, I requested that the American Public Transportation Association conduct a "peer review" to assist Metro in evaluating our current fare revenues, fare structure, fare recovery ratio and policies in the context of current industry practices. The panel noted that the agency needs a structured fare policy and that both our fare recovery ratio and structure are low in comparison with our industry peers. The report will be distributed via Board Box later this week.

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