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State Legislative Update

Metro Government Relations staff continues to work on a number of pieces of legislation as this year's session draws to a close. The following is an update on the measures we have been monitoring:

- [Senate Bill 1276](#) (Lowenthal) - Authorizes the use of multi-colored headsigns on transit vehicles. This measure has also gained the approval of the Legislature and is awaiting signature by the Governor.
- [Senate Bill 1749](#) (Migden) - Authorizes the local processing of transit violations. SB 1749 has passed the Legislature and has been transmitted to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for his consideration.

Two other measures are also making their way through the last phases of the legislative process:

- [Senate Bill 1384](#) (Kuehl) – Clarifies the duties of the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority. SB 1384 is awaiting its final vote on the Senate Floor. The Senate must concur in amendments made in the Assembly by Friday, September 1st.
- [Senate Bill 1687](#) (Murray) - Brings certain elements of state law into conformity with federal procurement regulations. These elements were part of last year's Metro-sponsored procurement bill. SB 1687 passed the Assembly today and will be considered by the Senate in the next few days.

Federal Transit Administration Deputy Administrator Bushue Visits Metro

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Deputy Administrator Sandy Bushue visited Metro headquarters today where she was taken on a tour of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension (MGLEE) construction site, our Bus Operations Center, and the Metro Red and Orange Lines. Ms. Bushue was able to view the tunneling progress at the MGLEE's 1st and Boyle Station and also had an opportunity to ride the Metro Orange Line from Warner Center to North Hollywood. We concluded our tour with a ride on Metro Rapid Bus Line 720 down Wilshire Boulevard where we connected with the Red Line into Union Station. FTA Regional Administrator, Leslie Rogers, joined Deputy Administrator Bushue on her tour Los Angeles tour. Metro Board members John Fasana and Pam O'Connor were also present at a briefing with Ms. Bushue this morning where I provided an overview of the agency's current and future plans and projects.

Danish Parliament Transport Committee Tours Metro System

A delegation of fifteen members from the Danish Parliament, led by Transport Committee Chairman Flemming Damgaard Larsen, toured various Metro rail facilities today. The delegation was also accompanied by Denmark's ambassador to the United States, Ambassador Friis Arne Petersen, who is based in Washington, D.C. Metro Rail General Manager Gerald Francis provided the delegation with an overview of Metro's system including current and future projects this morning prior to their tour.

The delegation is touring various transportation systems across the United States to gain a better understanding of rail and bus operations and the integration of various modes of transportation. With the growth of Denmark's population and the on-going construction of a Metro system in Copenhagen, the delegation expressed a strong interest to learn from a large American city like Los Angeles. The recently completed first phase of Copenhagen's Metro is an automated driverless system with 26 trains, 17 stations and approximately 10.5 miles of track. In the future, the underground system will have four lines, including one that will circle the city by 2012 and one that will terminate at the airport.

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension - Update on Metro/Los Angeles Unified School District Property Exchange and Funding Agreement

LAUSD has recently advertised a Request for Proposal to solicit bids for construction of the new school which will be built on the existing Ramona Opportunity High School site. The school will be built adjacent to property that is being acquired from LAUSD for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Indiana Light Rail Transit Station. This RFP solicitation is in accordance with the Property Exchange and Funding Agreement between Metro and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) which was executed on August 3rd. Bids are

due on October 5, 2006, at which time LAUSD and Metro will review the proposals against the total project budget as stipulated in the Agreement.

Illegal Gambling Allegations Investigated

Fox News Channel 11 is expected to air a report tonight at 10:00 p.m. probing allegations of illegal gambling at Metro's bus divisions. A reporter interviewed California Department of Justice officials who were circumspect about the ongoing investigation which is being conducted in partnership with Metro's Office of the Inspector General. Due to time constraints, Fox News declined an interview with Metro's Deputy Chief Executive Officer, John Catoe, however, they agreed to air the following statement:

“Gambling is strictly prohibited by Metro employees while on duty or on Metro property. We will not accept any violation of this policy by any employee, and we will take appropriate action against those who do so. The Transportation Authority is cooperating fully with Metro's Inspector General and the California Department of Justice in the ongoing investigation of alleged gambling activity by some of our employees. In the meantime, we are issuing a stern reminder to all Metro staff that gambling is taboo on the job or at any Metro facility.”

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