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## Transit Needs in San Gabriel Valley Matched Against Westside

The *Los Angeles Times* is expected to publish an article this weekend comparing transit needs in the San Gabriel Valley to those of the Westside as population and jobs expand in both areas. This article is a follow up to a piece *the Times* ran last weekend that focused on Westside traffic. Metro planners interviewed for the report noted the areas face very different mobility challenges. For example, goods movement in the San Gabriel Valley has become a pressing issue as trucks have begun to ferry an increasing amount of materials from the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to large warehouses in Southern California's inland counties. Staff also mentioned that almost all of the other areas of Los Angeles County also face mobility challenges brought on by economic growth.

Additionally, it is possible that the newspaper may compare plans for a Foothill Extension of the Metro Gold Line with construction of the Mid-City/Exposition Line. In response to this aspect, Metro staff explained the methodology used for analyzing projects under Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan, but underscored that the Board ultimately determines project funding priorities. The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority was also contacted for this piece.

## Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting Agenda

The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board is scheduled to meet Thursday September 7, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room 381B.

At this meeting, the Expo Board will consider staff recommendations to amend the line's Design/Build Construction contract with DMJM Harris, approve the

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FY07 Annual Work Plan for the City of Los Angeles, issue a notice-to-proceed for corridor improvements on Flower Street between Washington and 23<sup>rd</sup> Streets, and approve a contract for a Contractor-Controlled Insurance Program with FCI/Fluor/Parsons. The Consent Calendar items include a receive and file monthly report on CEO-approved contracts and the approval of a Master Cooperative Agreement with CalTrans. A monthly project status update will also be delivered.

### **Upcoming CEO Meetings and Events**

Next week, I will be meeting with Professors Jaime Regalado and Ali Modarres of Cal State Los Angeles. I will also be visiting Bill Carney, Blaine Fetter, and Fran Inman of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. Additionally, I will be meeting with Dr. Charles Elachi of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Bill Witte of Related Companies. I plan to attend the Route 710 Tunnel Feasibility Study Presentation Meeting with the La Canada City Council and the Expo Board Meeting, as well. Finally, I will be interviewed by Tracy Young of CNN regarding proposed solutions to Route 710 gap closure.

### **Of Note**

On this day in 1990, the Metro Blue Line was extended from Anaheim Street to the Long Beach terminal loop.

On September 2, 1942, Los Angeles Railway (1911-1945) began hiring women as streetcar and bus operators on a trial basis, due to a manpower shortage. The test turned out to be so successful that the agency soon hired over 300 women as Motormen, Conductors and Coach Operators to replace men drafted during World War II. They were called Motormanettes, Conductorettes, Coachettes and Driverettes.

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