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### **Metro Orange Line Construction Update – Canoga Park and Ride**

Metro Orange Line's newest project is well underway with the construction of a new Canoga Station complete with a Park and Ride lot housing over 600 parking spaces. The project is also extending both the busway approximately 1/3 mile from Variel Avenue to Canoga Avenue and the existing multi-use bike and pedestrian path. The contractor, Sully-Miller Construction Company, is working on placing concrete for the two station platforms and installing station electrical and communications equipment. In the upcoming month the parking lot will be paved and landscaping will begin. The Canoga Station project is thus far on budget and is scheduled to be completed in December 2006.

### **Metro Partners with the American Heart Association to Promote Stroke Awareness in October**

Metro Corporate Safety and the American Heart Association (AHA) are partnering together to promote Stroke Awareness for employees during the month of October. Metro received a grant from AHA for the purpose of educating employees in the signs and symptoms of stroke, and its prevention.

Over the next month, AHA and Corporate Safety staff will be visiting all bus and rail divisions to teach front line employees how to recognize the symptoms of stroke. Employees will be shown a 3-minute DVD on risk factors and signs associated with stroke. Tables with informational material and brochures will also be set up for employees to peruse. AHA representatives will be on hand before and after the presentations to field any health-related questions that employees may have on the subject of stroke prevention.

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At this time, the dates and times of AHA's division visits have not yet been determined. However, event information will be provided as it becomes available.

## **Regional Transportation CEOs Committee Meeting Recap**

The Chief Executive Officers of the Southern California transportation agencies met today to discuss a number of issues. The group reviewed the status of the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan and discussed various technical aspects of the plan. We also discussed the status of the Southern California National Freight Gateway Memorandum of Understanding as well as the draft Air Quality Management Plan. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2006.

## **Upcoming CEO Meetings and Events**

Next week, I will be meeting individually with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Supervisors Don Knabe, Gloria Molina, and Zev Yaroslavsky, and Directors John Fasana, Bonnie Lowenthal, Ara Najarian, and Bernard Parks. I will also join Director Lowenthal in a meeting with Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster. Director Fasana and I will also be jointly meeting with Diamond Bar Mayor Carol Herrera, President of San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGV COG) and Nick Conway, Executive Director of SGV COG. I will also meet with Tim Leiweke, President of AEG, owner of the Staples Center.

## **Of Note**

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1898 Henry E. Huntington and a group of San Francisco capitalists arrived in Los Angeles and announced that they had purchased Los Angeles Railway. Los Angeles Railway continued to operate Los Angeles' yellow streetcars into the 1950's. Huntington later went on to found the Pacific Electric Railway Company and to create the area's red interurban car lines in the first decades of the twentieth century.

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