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South Bay COG Tours Proposed Alignment for Metro Green Line Extension

Earlier today, Metro Planning staff conducted a tour of the proposed southern extension of the Metro Green Line for members of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. The tour of the proposed alignment and alternative termini included Director O'Connor and technical staff from the South Bay cities along with representatives from the field offices of Congresswoman Jane Harman, Assemblywoman Jenny Oropeza, Supervisor Don Knabe and Councilman Bill Rosendahl. Metro staff explained to the group that last Green Line Route Refinement study assumed the use of light rail transit and aerial corridors and that, should the proposed extension be resurrected, a MIS and Alternatives Analysis would be needed to adequately examine all possible modes, configurations and corridors.

SB 1749 (Migden) Transit Violations Processing – Signed Into Law

On September 14th, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed <u>Senate Bill 1749</u>, authored by Senator Carol Migden, into law. SB 1749 authorizes Metro and San Francisco's MUNI to create transit adjudication bureaus.

State Legislative Staff Tour Recap

Last Thursday and Friday, Metro Government Relations hosted a number of legislative transportation staffers from Sacramento. The visit included a briefing on Thursday with tours of the Port of Los Angeles, the Exposition Light Rail alignment and the Metro Gold Line. On Friday the group visited the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension, the Metro Red Line, several of Metro's joint

development projects and the Metro Orange Line. Overall the group was very impressed with the work being done by Metro in all aspects of transportation and they expressed their intent to use Metro as a resource in the future.

Metro's New "12-Minute Map" Eliminates Need for Timetables

Metro has introduced a new map that shows, at a glance, bus and rail lines that run every 12 minutes or less throughout the county. No timetable necessary. The "12-Minute" Map is the latest Metro tool to help riders get to their destinations more easily. And it may be the first of its kind in the country.

"We've never seen anything like it and we work with about 150 transit agencies all over the world," said Rick Wood, president and chief executive officer of CHK America, a company that designs passenger information publications for transit agencies. "The reason is probably that there are not a lot of agencies that can do it." Wood said. "Los Angeles is one of the few that offers service that good."

The map was designed to save customers time and effort. Riders can simply plot their trip and go to a stop anytime during the day, knowing their bus or train will arrive shortly. Visitors and occasional riders in particular can use it to plan common trips without delving into the intricacies of the system.

The new "12-Minute Map" is available at Metro Customer Centers and on the Web at www.metro.net.

Metro Red Line Federal Funding Restrictions Bill

The Daily News and the Los Angeles Times may publish articles tomorrow noting that Congressman Henry Waxman's bill to lift federal funding restrictions on subway construction in Los Angeles is coming up for a vote before Congress as early as Wednesday. The reporters asked about the Metro Red Line's preliminary costs for an extension to Santa Monica (\$4.8 billion in 2015 dollars) and estimated ridership (26 million annual boardings in 2030). Media Relations staff stressed that these are very rough estimates. Staff also pointed out that the subway extension will be considered as part of the agency's Long Range Transportation Plan update but reiterated that no action on funding for this proposed extension has been taken at this time.

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