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Introducing TAP – the Transit Access Pass

Metro has officially begun operating the Universal Fare TAP system externally. To date, the new system has only been utilized by Metro employees, while staff continues to test and install TAP fare boxes. However, UCLA recently joined the testing phase of the system with the opening of the school's Institutional Pass (I-TAP) sales for Fall Quarter on September 5th. Approximately 400 I-TAP passes have been purchased by students, employees and faculty from UCLA thus far, with a total of 700-1,000 users expected. Like the I-Pass program, the UCLA I-TAP may be used on any Metro bus or rail line, regardless of day or time. Under the agreement with UCLA, the University has agreed to pay 50% of the cost for I-TAP holders, with riders paying the remaining 50% of the value of the pass. Riders wishing to renew their I-TAP pass for future academic quarters may do so without card replacement – users can simply add money to their pass through the internet, telephone or in person through any bus or train station validator.

With technical and customer service support being provided by both ACS and Cubic, the agency has already begun to see the effect of these smart card transactions on the Metro Central Computer. Sales and ridership data is available on an immediate basis and can also be used over time to determine whether service changes may be necessary to meet increases or decreases in demand.

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Construction Update

Media Relations distributed a news release today noting that First Street will be closed for the next two weekends between Anderson Street and the 101 Freeway in Boyle Heights due to construction on the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension. New sewer lines and storm drains are being installed in this phase of the project. The weekend work will take place from 6:00 p.m. this Friday to 6:00 a.m. on Monday. Pedestrian traffic and emergency vehicles will be granted

access to the area. Accessibility to residences and businesses will also be maintained via traffic detours north and south of First Street.

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