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State Legislative Update – Senate Bill 927 (Lowenthal) Container Fees

Last Friday, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed [Senate Bill 927](#), authored by Senator Alan Lowenthal, which would have instituted a container fee at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. On Saturday, Business Transportation and Housing Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak delivered the Governor's weekly radio address and highlighted the reasons for the Administration's veto. In his [veto message](#), the Governor underscored the state's investments in goods movement programs and expressed concern over the legislation's impact on the economy. Additionally, the Governor asserted that a more comprehensive program could be structured utilizing public-private partnerships and that such a program may generate larger amounts of revenue. The Governor also emphasized the creation of the State's Goods Movement Action Plan, due to be submitted by the end of the year, stressing his hope that it will provide more thorough and strategic direction for addressing issues at all of California's ports.

Metro Procurement Department Wins National Award

The National Purchasing Institute recently honored Metro's Procurement Department with its 11th Annual Achievement of Excellent in Procurement award. The award recognizes organizational excellence in procurement and is given to those who achieve a high score on a rating of standardized criteria including innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership. The award is sponsored by the National Purchasing Institute, the California Association of Public Purchasing Officers, the Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers, the Institute of Supply Management, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, the National Association of State Procurement Officials, and the National Association of Educational Procurement. Metro is one of only 88 public agencies to have received this award at least three times.

Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee Kick-Off Meeting

The kick-off meeting for the Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) will be held next Tuesday, October 3rd at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce (350 South Bixel Street). This event will mark the first meeting for the group that will provide guidance to Metro on how to develop and implement a countywide new development mitigation fee, based on the notion that developers should pay their fair share for regional transportation improvements. A list of 49 public and private sector leaders in the areas of business, environment, development, construction trades and local governmental have been invited to participate. Approximately 29 invitees have confirmed their attendance for next week's meeting which is scheduled to discuss Metro's existing Congestion Mitigation Fee Program, the link between land use and transportation, transportation investment and its role in economic growth, and key issues for Metro's ongoing fee study.

I-710 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

The next I-710 Executive Committee meeting will be held this Thursday, September 28th at 1:30 pm in the Board Room at the Gateway Headquarters building. Agenda items include status reports on near-term air quality improvement strategies for the I-710 Corridor and the EIR/EIS schedule. The Committee will also nominate and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, receive an update from the I-710 Project Committee, and review the community participation framework for the I-710 EIR/EIS process.

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