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U.S. Senate Confirms New Transportation Secretary

This past Saturday, the U.S. Senate confirmed Mary Peters as the nation's next Transportation Secretary. Ms. Peters, the former head of the Federal Highway Administration (2001-2005), was nominated to take the helm of the U.S. Department of Transportation by President George W. Bush on September 5th. She will replace Norman Mineta, who stepped down in July after setting a record as the nation's longest serving Transportation Secretary. During her tenure as Highway Administrator, Mary Peters was an outspoken advocate of utilizing public-private partnerships to enhance roadway projects across America. It is anticipated that as Transportation Secretary, she will seek to similarly bolster the role that public-private partnerships play in improving different modes of surface transportation.

Beverly Hills' Mass Transit Committee Tours Eastside Construction and Studies Security

On Saturday September 30th, Metro Community Relations staff led the City of Beverly Hills' Mass Transit Committee on an underground construction tour of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension tunnel excavation site. Following the tour, the Committee returned to the Gateway Building for a continued discussion of rail construction with Metro's Project Director for the Eastside Extension, Dennis Mori, and an overview of rail security and law enforcement from Metro's Director of Intelligence and Emergency Preparedness Management, Paul Lennon and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Transit Services Captain, Pat Jordan. The Committee was created by Beverly Hills Mayor Steve Webb to advise the City Council on proposed alignments and station locations for any

future extension of the subway through Beverly Hills. The Committee has been meeting since late Spring and plans to present its recommendations to the City Council in November or December.

I-Passes Sell Out at UCLA

Last week, the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) reported an exhaustion of their Institutional Pass (I-Pass) stock of 700 vouchers and requested an additional 400 passes to meet the school's projected demand. By comparison, the school sold 600 passes for the Fall 2005 Quarter. Sales for the Fall 2006 term began September 5th, and 374 employee passes and 339 student passes have since been sold. Because the campus began its fall quarter just last week (September 28th) the University expects sales to exceed 1000 passes by mid October. Per UCLA's agreement with Metro, students and employees pay half the cost of the pass while the administration pays the remainder. UCLA pass holders are also the first public entity to test the region's new smart card known as TAP or Transit Access Pass.

Community College I-Passes Also Seeing Success

Los Angeles City College (LACC), Los Angeles Trade Tech College (LATTC) and Rio Hondo College (RHC) are also participating in Metro's I-Pass program. Thus far, RHC has issued over 900 passes, LACC has distributed 2,800 passes, and LATTC has issued over 3000 passes. Per the agreement between Metro and the Los Angeles Community College District, all of these campuses purchased enough passes for their fulltime students at a revenue neutral cost based upon anticipated ridership. Passes at RHC are distributed free to fulltime students, LACC charges \$30 per pass but includes a bookstore credit of \$30, and LATTC requires purchase of a student body card for \$7.

California Rideshare Week

Metro Media Relations distributed a news release today encouraging people to carpool during California Rideshare Week which runs from today through Friday, October 6th. California Rideshare Week is a statewide campaign to reduce solo driving – the major cause of traffic congestion on the state's streets and freeways. The release notes that Metro offers an array of ridesharing solutions for daily commuters, including online trip planning, ride matching services, an (800) phone hotline and employer pass and incentive programs.

Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting Agenda

The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board is scheduled to meet this Thursday, October 5th at 2:30 p.m. in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, in the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room 381B.

At this meeting, the Expo Board will consider staff recommendations to adopt the Jobs Program Plan, authorize the CEO to increase the hourly rates for Counsel, and remove earthquake insurance from the builder's risk portion of the contractor-controlled insurance program. The Board will also consider Chair Burke's motion to amend the Expo Phase 2 scope of work to add a task analyzing a potential Metro Green Line extension at the Lincoln Blvd intersection with the Expo Line should the City of Los Angeles agree to fund the additional work.

The Consent Calendar items include receive and file reports on CEO-approved contracts and the Public Agency Retirement System (PARS) retirement plans for employees. The Calendar also includes reports requesting adoption of the procurement manual and approvals of both the administrative code amendments and the revised MOU between Metro and Expo. A monthly project status update and the construction packaging plan will also be delivered.

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