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Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Recap

The Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) held its first meeting this past Tuesday at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was attended by 35 PAC members representing cities, development, labor, and environmental interests. Overviews of both Metro's objectives for the study and the program in general were provided. Staff reiterated that the program is based on local control of project selection and fee collection. Participants discussed key issues that will be addressed as the study unfolds, including the nexus between potential fees and funded projects, the level of fees, credit for existing fee programs, the process for project selection, and program administration. Director Katz, who originally authored the Congestion Management Program, also discussed the challenges faced by Los Angeles in addressing congestion and the importance the PAC will play in enabling us to meet our future mobility needs.

The Congestion Mitigation Fee PAC's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 31st at 9:00 am at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. It is anticipated that the Committee will continue to meet monthly through June 2007.

Metro's Seniors on the Move Program

In light of the ongoing trial of George Russell Weller (the elderly gentleman who killed ten people with his vehicle at the Santa Monica Farmers' Market three years ago), the *Los Angeles Times* is planning a story that will highlight the difficulties of living in Los Angeles for seniors who no longer drive. Metro Media Relations was contacted by the newspaper and staff took the opportunity to promote our innovative Seniors on the Move program which teaches seniors how to use mass transit. The story is expected to run later this week.

California Rideshare Week

Later this evening, Metro's Media Relations and Rideshare departments will be featured in a segment on Channel 22's (KWHY) 7:00 p.m. newscast discussing California Rideshare Week and the commute options that are available to the public including bus, rail, carpools, vanpools, bicycling and walking.

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