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## California Air Resources Board – Zero Emission Bus Regulations Update

The California Air Resource Board (CARB) is scheduled to consider amendments to its Zero Emissions Bus requirements tomorrow. It is my understanding that CARB staff has agreed to significantly modify their recommendation to address many of the concerns raised by my recent letter to the Board. Initial indications are that the amended regulation will extend purchase requirements and allow more flexibility for transit agencies. More information will be provided on this matter as it is made available.

## CTC Listening Session Recap

Earlier this morning, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) held a “listening session” in Long Beach to discuss regional goods movement issues and the \$19.9 billion contained in Proposition 1B (Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006). The Commission received an overview of the region’s trade corridor improvement issues that was jointly prepared by the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, and Metro. The CTC heard testimony from Directors Lowenthal and Fasana, Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Port of Long Beach Commissioner Jim Hankla, representatives from ACTA, ACE, the Gateway Cities COG, the shipping and railroad industries, Metro’s Chief Planning Officer Carol Inge and other funding partners of the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan. CTC Executive Director John Barna facilitated the session and noted that should Proposition 1B pass in November, implementation guidelines will need to be developed and adopted by the Spring

of 2007. The CTC will hold a similar listening session at the County of Riverside's Administrative Center on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **Senate Transportation and Housing Committee Hearing**

The Senate Transportation and Housing Committee held an informational hearing on Propositions 1A and 1B today at Metro Headquarters. Several regional leaders had the opportunity to provide testimony on how the bonds could improve transportation in their communities. Director Richard Katz testified on Metro's behalf. Other speakers included Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Wendy Greuel, SCAG Board President and County Supervisor Yvonne Burke, Caltrans Director Will Kempton and Orange County Transportation Authority Chairman Art Brown. A number of media representatives attended the hearing including KFWB radio, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Long Beach Press-Telegram* and the *Chinese Daily News*. Stories discussing the hearing and the testimony received may run tomorrow.

### **Los Angeles City Council Supports Proposition 1B**

Earlier today, the Los Angeles City Council adopted a motion by Councilmembers Rosendahl, Smith and Greuel that includes support for Proposition 1B, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Act, in the City's 2007-08 State Legislative Program. The action is subject to the concurrence of the Mayor and includes friendly amendments that specifically register support for the Mid-City - Exposition Light Rail Transit Project, improvements on the 101 Freeway Corridor from the downtown Los Angeles four-level connector to the Ventura County line, and other projects.

### **Of Note**

On this day in 1971, the Southern California Rapid Transit District began its experimental Minibus shuttle service in the downtown Central Business District as part of the Bunker Hill urban renewal project. Subsidized by the Community Redevelopment Agency, the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County, natural gas and propane-powered Minibuses would later expand to additional routes in downtown, Westwood, the San Fernando Valley and other areas until the service's transfer to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation on October 25, 1985. The line was then renamed DASH and now operates eight routes downtown and 27 routes throughout other areas of Los Angeles.

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RTD Minibus in Chinatown

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