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Metro Orange Line One Year Anniversary

The *Daily News* inquired today about the Metro Orange Line's first year of operation. Staff reported that the line has proven to be an overwhelming success, with first year ridership numbers triple what the agency expected. September boardings reached 21,000 average weekday boardings – numbers that were initially forecasted for the year 2013. Staff also noted that the agency is planning several improvements to Orange line service, including the construction of a new North/South Valley corridor and the opening of the Canoga Park & Ride Station for commuters in the West San Fernando Valley. Joint development efforts are also moving forward at the line's North Hollywood, Sepulveda and Balboa Stations and there are also plans to refurbish the historic Lankershim Depot. The story is expected to run tomorrow.

Metro's Annual Night of Stars

Metro's annual Night of Stars was held last Friday at the Marriott Marina Del Rey. Over 150 Metro Bus and Metro Rail operators and operations maintenance employees were honored with awards. Operations employees were selected for Night of Stars honors based on individual performance criteria that include driving and workplace safety and attendance. Each service sector also chose an employee to receive a "Spotlight Award" for outstanding performance. Each Night of Stars honoree received a commemorative medallion and a lapel pin, along with a color photo of the award presentation.

Board Chair Gloria Molina and Director Pam O'Connor were special guest speakers. Director O'Connor also provided remarks on behalf of Director Bonnie

Lowenthal. Deputy Chief Executive Officer John Catoe also served as master of ceremonies.

Reserve the Date/Upcoming Events

Metro Orange Line First Anniversary Media Event – Tuesday October 24, 2006

This event celebrates the first anniversary of the opening of the Metro Orange Line and is scheduled for Tuesday October 24th at 8:00 a.m. at the North Hollywood Station located at the intersection of Lankershim and Chandler Boulevards in North Hollywood.

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension RAC Ad-Hoc Committee – Thursday October 26, 2006

The October meeting of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Review Advisory Committee (RAC) Ad-Hoc Subcommittee is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday October 26th at the Boyle Heights Senior Citizen Center located at 2839 East 3rd Street in Los Angeles.

Mobility 21 Annual Summit – Monday October 30, 2006

The 2006 Mobility 21 Summit is scheduled for Monday October 30th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Universal Hotel located at 333 Universal Hollywood Drive in Universal City. U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer has confirmed as the keynote speaker.

Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee – Tuesday October 31, 2006

The next meeting of the Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday October 31st at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce building located at 350 South Bixel Street in Los Angeles.

San Fernando Road Bike Path Event – Thursday November 2, 2006

The City of L.A (LADOT) is holding a dedication ceremony for Phase 1 of the San Fernando Road Bike Path at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday November 2nd at the Sylmar/San Fernando Metrolink Station. This is the first phase of a three phase bike path project running parallel to San Fernando Road and Metrolink's commuter rail line located within the Metro right-of-way between Roxford and Hubbard Streets in the City of Los Angeles.

Bus Operator Job Fair – Saturday November 4, 2006

Metro will be hosting a job fair on November 4th to recruit Metro bus operators. The agency is searching for both full and part-time operators to meet the region's growing demand for public transportation. The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Metro Headquarters Building in downtown Los Angeles. In prior years, this same career fair has generated 200-300 bus operator applications.

California Transit Association Annual Fall Conference & Exposition – Tuesday November 7 to Thursday November 9, 2006

The California Transit Association's 41st Annual Fall Conference & Exposition will be held from Tuesday November 7 to Thursday November 9 at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach and Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center.

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension First Tunnel Breakthrough – between November 7 and November 23, 2006

The first of the two tunnel boring machines is expected to breakthrough the East Portal of the Eastside Extension of the Metro Gold Line sometime between November 7th and 23rd. Media relations expects to hold a media event when the breakthrough happens, or the following morning if the breakthrough occurs at night.

FTA Quarterly Review – Wednesday November 29, 2006

The FTA New Starts Projects Quarterly Review meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 29, 2006 at 10 a. m. in the Metro Gateway Conference Room.

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