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Metro Orange Line One Year Anniversary Media Event

This morning, Congressman Brad Sherman, Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Los Angeles City Council Members Wendy Greuel and Tom LaBonge, Director David Fleming and I celebrated the One Year Anniversary of the Metro Orange Line at a special media event at the North Hollywood Station. The line has served over six million passengers in its first year of operation, with ridership having risen every month, reaching 21,000 average weekday boardings in September – nearly three times the number that Metro planners originally anticipated. Weekend ridership on the line has also remained strong, with average Saturday and Sunday boardings reaching new records in September at 13,413 and 10,887 respectively. Independent research conducted by the University of California, Berkeley has also proven that the Metro Orange Line is helping to reduce traffic on the congested 101 Freeway allowing for a seven percent increase in traffic speed (from 43 mph to 46 mph) between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on weekdays.

In light of the accident that occurred yesterday afternoon at the intersection of Woodman Avenue and Oxnard Street, the media raised renewed concerns about the safety of the line. In response, the event's speakers cited the Orange Line's excellent safety record noting that, as of last month, the line's accident rate was less than half the average for the Metro bus system as a whole. Specifically, the system averages 3.51 accidents for every 100,000 miles driven, while the Orange Line averages approximately 1.64 accidents. Numerous television, radio and print news media covered the event, and stories are expected to run today and tomorrow.



Press Conference to Announce the Receipt of Proposition 42 Funds

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Chair Gloria Molina and Vice-Chair Pam O'Connor will host a press conference this Thursday, October 26th at 11:30 a.m. to announce the investment of \$1 billion in Proposition 42 state transportation funds over the next two years. The event will be held in the Board Overflow room on the third floor of the Metro Gateway Building. Board Members who are interested in attending the event are encouraged to contact my office for additional information.

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