

Daily Brief

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Bomb Scare on Line 92 in Glendale

Service on Metro Bus Line 92 traveling through Glendale was interrupted today at approximately 10:45 a.m. by a bomb threat. Specifically, a passenger disembarking the bus indicated to the bus operator that the "bus was going to blow up." The operator immediately evacuated the bus and notified police. Glendale Police and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department responded with their bomb squads to the bus' location at the intersection of Brand and Broadway. No explosives were found on board the bus and the scene was declared safe and cleared by 1:30 p.m. Media Relations received a number of calls from the news media regarding the incident.

USA Today Story on Future LAX Transit Service

Earlier today, a reporter with *USA Today* interviewed Metro Planning staff regarding the probability of building a rail or bus line to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) through the Crenshaw corridor. Staff explained that an environmental analysis of this possibility has not yet been completed, and that the Board has not taken action on this issue. The reporter was further told that the corridor contains several route alternatives including a line along Crenshaw Boulevard to Florence Avenue and then west to LAX, and a line along Crenshaw Boulevard to Prairie Avenue and then west to the airport. Staff explained that rail for the corridor would likely cost close to \$1 billion dollars, with dedicated busways approximately half as expensive. The reporter was also told that If funds were secured soon, the line could be operational by 2016. A story may run Monday.

Metro Brochures and Illustrated Icons Featured in Magazine

Metro Design Studio work is being recognized in the November/December 2006 issue of *Print Magazine*, a national publication featuring quality design in printed communications materials. Metro's series of covers for rider brochures (System Map, Riders Guide, Destination/Connections, and Bike Map) as well as our custom illustration/icons were included in the magazine's Regional Design Annual under the "Far West" category (there are 6 national regions included). This is the 3rd year Metro's design work has been selected for this magazine with items selected from over 25,000 entries. Previous featured works include: Metro's Late Night Campaign, Neighborhood Art Posters and the East LA construction poster.



Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting Agenda

The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board is scheduled to meet next Thursday, November 2nd 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 proceed with water line relocation construction activities and establish a Public Agency Retirement System (PARS) retirement plan for employees. Additionally, the Board will vote whether to approve the Evaluation Committee's selection for Phase II engineering and environmental consulting services. A monthly project status update will also be delivered.

Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

The second meeting for the Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) will be held next Tuesday, October 31st at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce (350 South Bixel Street). Committee members are scheduled to discuss the mechanisms by which Fee Mitigation may implemented

through an examination of background and criteria and the consideration of two case studies – one of highway improvements and one of arterial improvements.

Upcoming CEO Meetings and Events

On Monday October 30th, I will be participating in the 5th Annual Mobility 21 Summit at the Sheraton Universal Hotel. For the remainder of the week, I will be on vacation. During my absence, Deputy Chief Executive Officer John Catoe will be acting on my behalf.

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