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Two Metro Buses Received Several Broken Windows

Possible shots may have been fired at two Metro Buses this morning. The first incident happened on Line 42 at Martin Luther King Blvd. and Gramercy. The Metro bus operator reported damage to several windows on the bus, possibly by rocks or a pellet gun. That call came into our bus dispatch center at 9:18 a.m. No injuries reported. The second incident occurred on Metro Rapid Line 740 (Hawthorne) at Martin Luther King Blvd. and Arlington. The bus operator claimed damage to several side windows on the bus. That call came into our dispatch center at 9:19 a.m. Both the LAPD and LASD responded to the scene. LAPD took the lead in conducting the investigation. There were no injuries reported on the second incident. Media Relations received a number of media calls from City News Service KNBC, KTTV and KCBS/KCAL News regarding the incidents. Stories are expected to air today.

Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee Meeting

The Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) held its second meeting on Tuesday, October 31st at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. Forty-eight PAC attendees from the private and public sectors reviewed two hypothetical case studies that showed how a development impact fee could help fund much-needed transportation projects. By showing how a freeway carpool lane project and street improvements could be funded, Metro reinforced that the proposed program provides local governments control over what projects are funded, how fees are collected and saved, and how and when projects are implemented.

PAC members raised several policy and technical issues, such as having the flexibility to select transportation projects that are important to them, availability of regional matching funds, whether fees should be consistent across jurisdictions, and how cities with existing fee programs would be credited in this program. These and other policy issues will be addressed at our next PAC meeting.

The next meeting of the PAC is scheduled for Thursday, November 30th at 9:00 am at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

TransportMAX - The Future of E-Commerce in Procurement for Transportation is Here Today

TransportMAX is an internet-based, integrated procurement tool that provides public transportation agencies the ability to reduce procurement processing time and costs and at the same time create an effective audit trail for their online transactions. TransportMAX provides e-procurement services for RFQs, vendor sourcing and purchase requisition aggregation. The marketplace provides purchasing intelligence information and data, as well as vendor storefronts, which gives suppliers preferred access to their customers and transit systems access to improved vendor product information.

LA Metro implemented the program and went live with TMAX in September 2003. Since this time LA Metro has frequently led TMAX Users in achieving our monthly goals. From September 2003 through September 2006 LA Metro has placed over \$38,000,000 in purchase orders for Bus and Rail Operational and Inventory parts. Since its inception, the total amount of purchase orders placed by TMAX Users is over \$103,000,000 and growing. Currently there are 437 active suppliers who participate in the TMAX process.

The TMAX Users Group meets on a quarterly basis at different locations, often at APTA conferences and meetings in order to share best practices, discuss what is working well and what areas may require improvements.

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