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Metro Bus Graffiti Suspect Arrested Today

Earlier today, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) Transit Bureau Special Problems Team deputies arrested a member of the tagging crew "LAPDK" (Let All Paint Dry Krew/Laughing At Police Detectives Krew). The suspect is believed to be responsible for 19 felony vandalism cases totaling \$37,000 worth of damage to Metro buses and is the fifth member of the tagging crew to be arrested. LASD officials believe that evidence collected today during the arrest will lead to further search warrants and arrests in the months to come.

San Fernando Road Bike Path Opening

This morning, Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky joined Los Angeles City Council Member Alex Padilla and other local officials for a dedication of a new 1.8-mile San Fernando Road Bike Path. The path is located along the west side of the Metro-owned right-of-way used by Metrolink between Roxford and Hubbard Streets in Sylmar. The \$4.1 million project was jointly funded by Metro and the City of Los Angeles and includes a lighted and landscaped bike path featuring bicyclist and pedestrian push-buttons at every intersection. In regards to safety measures, a fence separates the path from the rail line, and improvements have been made to street traffic and railroad signals in the area. The *Daily News*, *North Valley News*, and KCSN radio all covered this morning's grand opening and stories are expected to run today and tomorrow.

Henderson, Nevada Delegation Visits Metro Orange Line

Earlier today, 16 officials from Henderson, Nevada toured the Metro Orange Line and met with staff to discuss the concept of Bus Rapid Transit. The delegation included Henderson's Mayor Jim Gibson, Councilmen Jack Clark, Steve Kirk several planning commissioners and others. The officials visited Metro in response to a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route proposal put forth by the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada for the Boulder Highway corridor. The proposed 17-mile corridor will link downtown Las Vegas to Clark County and Henderson.

The group was guided on their Metro Orange Line tour by Kathleen Sanchez, Planning Manager for the San Fernando/North County area, and later by Roger Moliere, for a discussion of joint development activities near the North Hollywood Station. The group seemed very impressed by the success of the Metro Liner and expressed their desire for the Metro Orange Line to be used as a model for the Boulder Highway BRT. The Boulder Highway BRT will traverse a suburban area with low-density housing and incorporate a corresponding bike trail.

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