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Go Metro to Annual Mariachi Festival and New Griffith Observatory

Media Relations issued a [news release](#) this afternoon encouraging patrons to use Metro Bus lines 30 and 31 to attend this year's Mariachi Festival to be held on Sunday, November 19th at Mariachi Plaza in Boyle Heights. A separate [news release](#) was also distributed encouraging visitors to use the Metro system to explore the newly renovated and expanded Griffith Observatory.

Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting Recap

The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board met yesterday and voted to:

- authorize the CEO to issue a notice-to-proceed for contract package A(4) 61" water line relocation, in the amount of \$3,198,355 inclusive of 5% contingency,
- adopt the public agency retirement services resolution (PARS) and trust agreement; and
- approve the CEO recommendation of DMJM, as the most qualified proposer, for Phase II Environmental and Consultant Services and authorized the CEO to negotiate an agreement for Stage 1 of the contract and to issue a Limited Notice to Proceed for EIS/EIR scoping and other activities in the Stage 1 work for amount not to exceed \$750K

The Expo Board also received and filed the monthly project status update.

The next scheduled meeting is December 7, 2006.

Upcoming CEO Meetings and Events

Next week, I will be meeting with Nancy Shelmon and Kevin Fordyce of Price Waterhouse Coopers, Rich Richmond of ACE, the Orange Line Contractors, and David Able of Metro Investment Reports. I will also participate in the Call for Projects Kick-off Meeting and the L.A. Chamber Board of Directors Meeting.

Of Note

On November 4, 1980, Proposition A was approved by a 54% voter majority in Los Angeles County. Prop A established the first half-cent sales tax for transit improvements, and included funds to construct a 150 mile regional rail rapid transit system.

On November 5, 1964, the Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD) was created by the State as the successor to the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (LAMTA). LAMTA's seven member board which was appointed by the Governor was replaced by an eleven member board of local officials, including the five county supervisors, two members appointed by the City of Los Angeles and four from the City Selection Committee. The new SCRTD was also vested with the ability to raise taxes by ballot measure, acquire property via eminent domain and participate in joint development – all key powers that LAMTA didn't have.

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