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Holiday Free Fare Program

At the upcoming December 7th Board Meeting, Metro staff will propose offering a Holiday Free Fare as a public service on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Under the proposed plan, no fares will be charged from 9:00 p.m. on December 24th through 2:00 a.m. (or close of service for Metro rail) on December 25th, nor from 9:00 p.m. on December 31st through 2:00 a.m. on January 1st.

Threat Level Red – Gateway Lock-Down Exercise Planned

The Union Station Gateway (USG) Security Task Force will be conducting a "Table Top Exercise" to test Metro's ability to "lock down" the building under the condition of a "Threat Level Red" being issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. This test of our multi-agency USG Security Operations Plan should highlight our strengths and weaknesses. The exercise will take place on Thursday, December 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Following an assessment of lessons learned from this Table Top Exercise, we will then conduct a follow-up real time field exercise in Spring 2007 to further refine and enhance our operations plan and surge capabilities.

Metro Hosts Chinese Public Works Audit Division Delegation

Yesterday, Metro hosted a 26-member Risk Assessment and Management Audit Training Delegation from the People's Republic of China. The group included senior audit officials from some of China's largest provinces, major industries

and government departments. The delegation is visiting the United States to learn about risk assessment processes in the American context. Metro staff briefed the international delegation on our agency's Annual Agency-wide Risk Assessment process and our use of risk assessment in audit engagement planning. The briefing was held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Malibu Conference Room on the 25th floor of the Gateway Headquarters building.

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