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SUV v. Metro Bus Accident

Various media outlets inquired today regarding an accident involving a Metro Bus and a SUV in the City of Burbank. The accident occurred at approximately 11:00 a.m. this morning. Reportedly, the SUV (driven by an unlicensed 18-year old) ran a stop sign and collided with a Metro Bus at the intersection of Bel Air Drive and Santa Anita Avenue. Six passengers on board the bus were transported to St. Joseph's Hospital with possible neck and back injuries. The driver of the SUV was also injured and transported for medical attention. KNBC News was at the scene and may air stories on the accident this evening.

2007 Los Angeles Marathon Route Approved

Last Wednesday, the Los Angeles City Council approved the new route for the 2007 Los Angeles Marathon (as amended by Councilmember Tom LaBonge) which is scheduled to be held on Sunday March 4, 2007. Metro staff requested the amended route moving the race course from a north-south street just west of the Metro Red Line Wilshire Western Station to a parallel street east of the station. With this change, access to the Metro Red Line Wilshire Western Station will be maintained for major east-west bus lines such as the Metro Rapid Line 720 on Wilshire Boulevard and Line 28 on Olympic Boulevard.

This year's race course will start at the intersection of Lankershim and Cahuenga Boulevards and will finish at the intersection of 5th and Flower Streets in downtown Los Angeles. This "point to point" route differs from the loop route of previous years which started and finished in downtown Los Angeles. Attached are the marathon's <u>course map</u> and a <u>turn-by-turn description</u> of its route. Staff will submit a report to the Board in January detailing the impacts of the route change to Metro and our customers.

November Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee will be held this Thursday, November 30th, at 9:00 am at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. Consultants will discuss the manner in which the congestion mitigation fee could interact with the local entitlement process. Gregg Albright, Caltrans' Deputy Director for Planning and Modal Programs in Sacramento, will also discuss Caltrans' views on the importance of regional mitigation programs.

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