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Deputies Arrest Man Suspected of \$80,000 in Graffiti Damages

A Los Angeles man accused of causing approximately \$80,000 in graffiti damages to Metro buses is now in jail awaiting a Superior Court date in mid-December.

Sheriff's deputies arrested Joseph V. Flores, 21, at his home November 16th and charged him with felony vandalism.

Mr. Flores is suspected in 44 cases of vandalism over a three-year period to buses assigned to Metro Lines 76, 256, 376 and 267 out of San Gabriel Valley Division 9.

A search of the suspect's residence turned up examples of graffiti "monikers," graffiti tools, bus maps and day passes, and a photo that appears to show the suspect scrawling his moniker on a bus windshield, according to an investigation report.

Sheriff's Deputy Leo Castro of the Transit Services Bureau's Special Problems Unit led the investigation.

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Construction Update

Earlier today, Media Relations issued a construction update [news release](#) regarding work planned for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension. Beginning Friday, December 1st, construction crews will be working along Third Street

between Eastern Avenue and Ford Boulevard. This portion of the road will be closed to remove a portion of the Third Street Bridge, which crosses the I-710 Freeway. Work is scheduled for two consecutive weekends. During this time, residents should expect a reduction of both east and westbound traffic lanes. Vehicles will be redirected through the use of signs. Pedestrians will also be detoured to a safe area outside the construction zone. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained.

The second part of this project will take place on Third Street between Arizona and Laverne Avenues. Restoration work on the south side of the street will occur from December 1st through Jan 30th of next year.

FTA New Starts Projects Quarterly Review Meeting Recap

The FTA New Starts Projects Quarterly Review Meeting was held earlier today at Metro's Gateway Headquarters Building. Opening statements were delivered by Edward Carranza, FTA Deputy Regional Administrator for Region IX. Mr. Carranza noted that the FTA is currently operating under a continuing resolution, the FTA Construction Roundtable has been rescheduled for the February-March 2007 timeframe, and that the National Transit Institute is holding an FTA New Starts Workshop in April 2007.

Pat Jordan with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department also provided an update on rail safety and security including an overview of the UK Airline Plot incident which occurred in August 2006.

Metro staff provided updates on station platform gaps under the ADA Voluntary Compliance Agreement, the 2550 Rail Vehicle Program, the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Project, Phases 1 and 2 of the Mid-City/Exposition Light Rail Train Project and Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan.

Congestion Mitigation Fee Local Outreach

Metro staff has recently been invited to discuss the on-going work being conducted by the Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee (CMF PAC) at several local meetings in the near future.

At the invitation of the Contract Cities Association, staff will provide an overview of the congestion mitigation fee at the regular meeting of the City Managers/Administrators Committee on December 6th. The following day, (December 7th) the League of Cities, the Contract Cities and the Independent Cities Association, have jointly invited Metro to co-host a dinner meeting for city council members and city managers. At this meeting, staff will again provide an overview of the congestion mitigation fee, to be followed by a discussion period

facilitated by David Abel of the project's consultant team. The Gateway COG City Managers Steering Committee has also extended an invitation for a discussion in December.

In addition to these meetings, staff has provided local outreach to others throughout the Southern California region including the North County Transportation Coalition and the South Bay Council of Governments. We are planning to coordinate with each Council of Governments to conduct congestion mitigation fee workshops with their members after the first of the year. The results of these workshops will be reported to the Board.

December's Sector Governance Council Meetings

Media Relations distributed a [news release](#) this morning encouraging patrons to attend one of four Metro Service Sector Governance Council meetings planned for December. The release also notes that there will be no meeting held by the San Gabriel Valley Service Sector's Governance Council this month.

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