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## Alternative Fuel Vehicle Expo Scheduled for Next Weekend

The City of Santa Monica, Metro and a host of environmental groups are sponsoring the [AltCar Expo](#) next weekend, (December 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>) an event being billed as the most comprehensive, technologically-advanced exposition of alternative fuel and high-miles per gallon (MPG) vehicles ever held. In fact, more than 100 hybrid, electric, hydrogen, compressed natural gas, plug-in hybrid, high MPG gasoline, ethanol and biodiesel vehicles will be showcased at the event alongside other environmentally friendly vehicles such as Segways.

Activities include a “new car lot” for alternative vehicles that attendees can drive or purchase, an on-site conversion of a gasoline-powered 1970s era sports car to electric drive, the debut of an alternative fuel sports car, and a super-high mileage display. VIPs scheduled to participate in the Expo include former Central Intelligence Agency Director James Woolsey, Assemblywoman Fran Pavley and actors James Brolin, Alexandra Paul and Ed Begley Jr.

Public transit also will play a major role at AltCar Expo, set to display the latest in bus and light rail technologies, route information and urban planning. Metro will showcase an articulated bus and maps of the agency’s system expansion plans. Media Relations also issued a [news release](#) today encouraging people to use the Metro system to attend the event.

The Expo will be held at Barker Hangar at the Santa Monica Air Center (3021 Airport Avenue) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. throughout the weekend. Admission to the Expo, seminars and technology displays is free. Parking is \$5. Santa Monica’s Big Blue Bus will operate free shuttles from the Los Angeles

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Convention Center, where the Los Angeles Auto Show will be held simultaneously.

### **Mobility 21 Coalition Meeting Recap**

The quarterly meeting of the Mobility 21 Coalition was held earlier today from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park. Presentations were made by Los Angeles Councilman Jose Huizar, the Mayor of Monterey Park Betty Chu, Director Pam O'Connor, California Transportation Commissioner Larry Zarian, the Executive Director of the Pat Brown Institute of Public Affairs Dr. Jaime Regalado, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce's Public Policy Director Sam Garrison, the Automobile Club of Southern California's Managing Director of Public Policy Dan Beal, the President of Barrio Planners, Inc. Frank Villalobos, Roger Moliere and myself. Discussions revolved around the importance of the recently-approved infrastructure bond package, the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension project and joint development opportunities.

### **Metro Service Enhancements Set for December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Media Relations distributed a [news release](#) this morning outlining the various Metro Bus service enhancements set to take place on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The release notes the start of new Metro Rapid service on Reseda Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley, the creation of three new limited-stop services and two new local lines, and the placement into service of 60-foot articulated buses along Van Nuys Boulevard and Vermont Avenue. City News Service inquired about the planned implementation of Metro's newest rapid line on Reseda Boulevard and plans to run a story on the service changes later today.

### **Invitation for Bid Posted for Division 18 Solar Generation Project**

Last week, on November 27<sup>th</sup> an Invitation for Bid (IFB) was posted on [Metro.net](#) to procure a design/build contractor to design and install a solar power generation system at Division 18, Metro's bus operations and maintenance facility in Carson. As presently conceived, the Division 18 Solar Generation Project will consist of a 417 kilowatt system with roughly 1,600 individual solar panels. The panels will be installed on the roof of the maintenance building, and also as shading structures in the employee parking lot. Bids are due on January 30, 2007.

Board members and their staff should refer all consultant/contractor calls pertaining to this project to Metro's Senior Contract Administrator Brian Mahaffey throughout this procurement period. Mr. Mahaffey can be reached at (213) 922-7327.

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