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House Democrats Name Key Committee Chairmanships

Earlier today, the House Democratic Caucus formally approved a slate of key committee chairmanships recommended by the incoming Democratic leadership. In a private caucus meeting, Democrats voted to install the following members to chair the House's four "exclusive" committees: David Obey (D-WI), Appropriations Committee; John Dingell (D-MI), Energy and Commerce Committee; Barney Frank (D-MA), Financial Services Committee; and Charles Rangel (D-NY), Ways and Means Committee.

Later this week, the Democratic Caucus will take action on the remaining committee chairmanships. At that time, Congressman James Oberstar (D-MN) is expected to be approved as the incoming chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

President Bush Orders Homeland Security Officials to Strengthen Transportation Security

Yesterday, President George W. Bush requested that Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff draft an action plan for strengthening security measures in and around America's transportation infrastructure. The President's plan, which he ordered to be completed within one month, will address security measures for mass transit, freight rail, commercial vehicles, highways and pipelines. The President's executive order singles out "high risk targets" and

calls for the immediate development of a national plan to identify and close existing security gaps. It is widely expected that Secretary Chertoff will work closely with U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary Peters to deliver a security plan to the White House by December 31st.

Upcoming Federal and State Advocacy Trips

Three advocacy-related events in Washington, D.C. and one in Sacramento have been scheduled for the first part of 2007. More specific information will be provided as it becomes available in the coming weeks.

Metro and SCAG Washington D.C. Trips – Monday February 26, 2007 to Thursday March 1, 2007

The Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) annual Washington D.C. trip is scheduled from Tuesday February 27 to Thursday March 1, 2007. In addition to the SCAG activities, Metro has scheduled Monday February 26 for Metro related briefings and appointments in support of Metro's legislative agenda in the U.S. Congress.

APTA Legislative Conference – Sunday March 11, 2007 to Tuesday March 13, 2007

[The American Public Transportation Association's \(APTA\) Legislative Conference](#) is scheduled from Sunday March 11, 2007 to Tuesday March 13, 2007 at the J.W. Marriott in Washington, D.C.

Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Access Washington D.C. – Monday March 26, 2007 to Thursday March 29, 2007

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Access Washington D.C. trip is scheduled from Monday March 26, 2007 to Thursday March 29, 2007.

Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Access Sacramento – Tuesday May 15, 2007 to Wednesday May 16, 2007

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Access Sacramento trip is scheduled for Tuesday May 15, 2007 and Wednesday May 16, 2007.

Tunnel Business Magazine to Feature Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension

A reporter with *Tunnel Business Magazine* interviewed Metro construction staff

today regarding progress made on the construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Light Rail Project. Staff noted the recent November 14th earth pressure balance tunnel boring machine breakthrough and the corresponding ceremony which was attended by local elected officials to mark the major milestone. Media Relations provided the magazine with photos of the event to be used in publication.

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