

# **Daily Brief**

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## Los Angeles Congressional Members Land Influential Committee Assignments

The House Democratic Steering Committee, which recommends House members for committee chairmanships and committee assignments, indicated today that Congressman Adam Schiff (D-Pasadena) would serve on the powerful House Appropriations Committee. Schiff joins Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-Los Angeles) as the only appropriators from Los Angeles County and will play an influential role in making funding decisions on transportation and other discretionary programs. In addition, the Steering Committee nominated Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (D-Santa Fe Springs) to a seat on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Napolitano, who is beginning her sixth term in the House of Representatives, will increase Los Angeles County's representation on the transportation panel, joining fellow Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-Carson) and Congressman Gary Miller (R-Diamond Bar). The entire Democratic Caucus is expected to ratify the Steering Committee's nominations in early January.

### Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Construction Update

Media Relations distributed a <u>news release</u> this morning announcing street work currently underway as construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension moves forward. Construction crews this week are installing the overhead contact system foundation and construction of the median for the project. Work is taking place on the south side of First Street between Utah and Gless. Residents should expect detours to the north side of the street for pedestrian

traffic and all vehicle traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction. Construction of the median for the project is taking place on Third Street between Herbert and Eastern avenues.

#### New Metro Rapid Line And Deployment Of High-Capacity Buses

Media Relations issued a second <u>news release</u> this afternoon noting several Metro service modifications and improvements planned to take place Dec. 17 and 18. The news release notes the deployment of high-capacity 60-foot articulated buses on Metro Line 233 (Van Nuys) and 204 (Vermont) as well as the start up of a Metro Rapid Line on Reseda Blvd. in the San Fernando Valley.

#### Caltrans' Short List of Corridor Mobility Program Projects

Yesterday, it was reported that Caltrans' Headquarters released the "Preliminary Draft - For Deliberative Purposes Only" short list of projects to be considered for the statewide Corridor Mobility Program funding contained in Proposition 1B. The comprehensive list of statewide projects was, unfortunately, not attached. Click here to see the short list.

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