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Caltrans Joins Metro as Co-Host for Section 1909 Field Hearing in Los Angeles County

The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Commission, which was created under Section 1909 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), has named Caltrans as a co-host for its planned field hearing in Los Angeles County in February of 2007. The commission has been charged by the U.S. Congress to develop short and long-term alternatives to replace or supplement the fuel tax as the principal revenue source to support the Highway Trust Fund. Caltrans joins Metro, the California Marine and Intermodal Transportation System Advisory Council, the American Traffic Safety Services Association and the Associated General Contractors of America as co-host for the commission's field hearing. The agenda for the field hearing is expected to be finalized by the commission's staff and Board Members early next year. Metro staff will provide timely updates on developments with respect to the planned Section 1909 field hearing.

Tour of Bus Operations and Maintenance Facilities

Today, Metro conducted a tour of bus operations and maintenance facilities with Board deputies and staff. The tour included stops at Division 2 (Cross Roads Depot) in Downtown, Division 5 (Arthur Winston Division) in South Los Angeles, Division 6 (Venice Division), and the property proposed for the new LAX Bus Division. The purpose of the tour was to provide an understanding to Board staff of the bus operating facility environment, and to highlight the infrastructure improvements and capacity expansions required to efficiently operate our fleet.

The tour also presented an opportunity to illustrate our need to relocate Division 6 out of Venice, and to update staff on our efforts to build a new bus division on LAX property.

Tagger Arrested

On Dec. 13, 2006, Transit Services Deputies served a search and arrest warrant for a male Hispanic juvenile who is responsible for 18 felony cases of tagging causing \$30,000 worth of damages. This subject is known as BUSER or BUSE and targeted buses from Divisions 1 and 2 and also tagged several Green Line train cars. The subject was located at 732 East 112th Street in Los Angeles. A large amount of evidence was seized linking him to the crimes. The subject admitted to all 18 counts of vandalism. A restitution request letter will be submitted with the filing package for the courts consideration during sentencing.

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