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Metro Orange Line Pavement Repairs

Weather permitting, the Metro Orange Line Contractor will continue re-paving portions of the busway this Saturday, December 16 and possibly December 23 in the area between Colfax and Tujunga. The contractor is working twelve hour shifts from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Metro has distributed construction notices (see attached) to affected residents and businesses.

Canoga Orange Line Station

On Sunday, December 17, we will begin testing the new Canoga Orange Line station, systems and equipment. During the test, we will board and alight passengers from the new station platforms. We will also test the communication systems, security cameras and ticket vending machines. We expect all to go well in preparation for the official opening on Friday, December 22.

Real Time Traffic On Metro.Net

A real time traffic webpage developed by Countywide Planning and Development with assistance from the Communication and ITS Departments will be launched on our Metro website on December 19, 2006. The Metro Real Time Traffic webpage will provide the most recent and comprehensive traffic

congestion information on both freeways and Los Angeles city streets directly from Caltrans District 7 and LADOT traffic control centers. Media Relations is going to distribute a news release today announcing this new feature to be added on the Metro.net website. This real time traffic webpage will be useful to commuters, truckers, shoppers, tourists and other travelers in Los Angeles, Ventura and neighboring counties to find alternative less congested routes and better travel times to and from their destinations. Metro hopes to add real time transit service information to this website next year.

Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting Recap

The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board met yesterday and voted to:

- authorize the CEO to issue execute an interim FY07 Annual Work Plan with Caltrans in the amount of \$2600,000, including \$150,000 previously approved under the CEO's authority
- approve Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1-06 for an amount Not-to Exceed \$850,000, authorizing FCI/Fluor/Parsons to design the proposed Ballona Creek Bridge and issue a notice-to-proceed for the design services associated with the Ballona Creek and related activities;
- approve Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1-06 for an amount not-to-exceed \$450,000, authorizing FCI/Fluor/Parsons to proceed with a portion of design for the proposed USC/Expo Park Station and to issue a notice-to-proceed for the initial design services associated with the USC/Expo Park Station and related activities;
- approve the conceptual design elements for the Expo Light Rail Project which have been developed with input by the Urban Design Committee and the community; and
- carried over the adoption of a policy for alternative urban design elements, including station design modifications consistent with the Exposition Transit Parkway planning principles specified in the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report for the project.

The Expo Board also received and filed the monthly project status update.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 11, 2007.

Route 710 Tunnel Technical Feasibility Assessment Study

The Pasadena Star news has inquired about what are the next steps for the Route 710 Tunnel Study. Staff reported the motion introduced by Director Fasana at the December 7, 2006 Board Meeting directed Metro to work in close coordination with Caltrans to initiate the next steps including environmental clearances, tunnel alternatives and preliminary engineering. In addition, the

motion encouraged Metro and Caltrans to form an Advisory Group to ensure that interests of other parties are represented during the next phase including SVGCOG, SCAG, LA Country districts 1 and 5 and the cities of Alhambra, Glendale, La-Canada-Flintridge, Los Angeles, Monterey Park, San Marino and South Pasadena. The motion also supported Caltrans efforts to obtain \$5 M funding through Caltrans ITIP process to add to the \$3.4 M of SAFETEA-LU and state funding which has been earmarked for the project so that Caltrans can conduct the environmental umbrella. A report is due back to the Board in 90 days to update the status of these steps. The story is expected to run on Monday, December 18.

Bus Division Tour

Yesterday, 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.

Upcoming CEO Meetings and Events

Next week I will be meeting with California State Assemblymember Mike Feuer, Councilmember Wendy Greuel, and Director Bonnie Lowenthal. I will also be participating Tournament of Roses Parade Festivities Promotional Event and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Holiday Luncheon.

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