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This morning, I joined Metro Board Chair Michael Antonovich, at a Dodger Stadium Express bus service press event. Dodger President and CEO Stan Kasten, Metrolink's CEO and Steve Veres, a member of the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee also participated in the event to announce that for the fourth year in a row, our agency will offer Dodger Stadium Express bus service from Union Station in downtown Los Angeles to Dodger Stadium beginning on Friday, March 29, 2013 for the Dodgers/Angels exhibition game and throughout the 2013 regular season. In addition, the Dodgers' 2013 season kicks off on Opening Day, Monday, April 1, 2013, against the San Francisco Giants. The Dodger Stadium Express bus service is provided under a grant approved by the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC). Specifically, a two-year grant of over \$1.1 million awarded to Metro by the MSRC will fund the operation of the Dodger Stadium Express service for both the 2013 and 2014 Dodgers baseball seasons. The funding is made in support of clean fuel transit service to link Union Station to Dodger Stadium. The MSRC awards funding within the South Coast Air Basin from a portion of the vehicle registration fee set aside for mobile source projects that result in emission reductions. Media attending today's event included channels 4, 7, 11, 18, 34, 54, BreaVision TV, Skylink TV, KBS TV and the Downtown News. Stories are expected to run throughout the day.

East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Project Concludes Public Scoping Meetings

Last evening, the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor project team conducted the last public scoping meeting for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmntal Impact Report (EIS/EIR). Four scoping meetings were held during March 16, 2013 through March 27, 2013. Approximately, 139 people attended these meetings with 52 providing verbal comments and 33 turning in written comments at the meetings. An additional 7 people participated in the third of these meetings via live web stream. State Assembly Member Raul Bocanegra, San Fernando Mayor Antonio Lopez, and San Fernando City Councilmember Robert C. Gonzales attended the meetings. Staff were also in attendance representing U.S. Congressman Tony Cardenas, State Senator Alex Padilla, Los Angeles Councilmembers Richard Alarcon, Paul Koretz, Tom LaBonge, and Council District 6. Metro and the City of Los Angeles are serving as co-leads for this environmental study, and coordinating closely with the City of San Fernando for the Draft EIS/EIR. We will continue to accept public scoping comments to help shape the study through May 6, 2013.

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