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Eastside Review Advisory Committee

At last night's community Review Advisory Committee Meeting, Metro project management, planning and community relations staff provided a monthly update on the construction progress for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Project. Highlights included: the completion of the concrete decking at the 1st and Soto underground station site; the completion of excavation of the 600' long, 60' wide and 60' deep tunnel access shaft at the 1st/Boyle underground station site; the resumption of excavation along the north side of 1st Street near Lorena Avenue for the East Tunnel Portal in accordance with the Archeological Treatment Plan for the L A County Crematorium site; and a presentation by Eastside LRT Constructors on the Metro Jobs Program.

State Senate Adjourns Before Considering SB 1026 Metro Design Build Authority

Last night the State Senate adjourned after the Assembly's passage of SB 1026 and before the measure could be transmitted back to the Senate for consideration. SB 1026 was being considered in mock-up form and would have granted Metro, authority to use design build on the I-405 High Occupancy Vehicle lane. The bill could be considered in January when the Legislature returns, however, the bill would not take effect until January 1, 2007. Leadership in the State Senate has indicated that the use of design build contracting for

highway projects is expected to be an issue in negotiations when the Legislature addresses transportation next year.

Metro Art Unveiled At Metro Rail Stations

Media Relations issued a news release today that highlights Metro Art that has been unveiled at three Metro Rail stations. The artwork consists of large-scale photos by four exciting contemporary artist and are located on the mezzanine levels of the Hollywood/Highland, 7th Street/Metro Center and Wilshire/Normandie stations of the Metro Red Line.

El Monte Busway Night-Time Work Begins

Two phases of bus terminal enhancement work will affect night-time El Monte Busway and HOV lane access now through October 13. Metro and Caltrans will close the El Monte Busway as well as HOV Lanes of the 10 freeway for several weeks to perform the work. Media Relations issued a news release announcing the closures, which will occur between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. The work is taking place at both the Cal State LA and County USC stations along the El Monte Busway.

Weekend Fundraiser Event For Hurricane Katrina Victims

Media Relations issued a media advisory today inviting the news media to attend a fundraising event this weekend for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Volunteers from the Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Sector, the El Monte Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Fire departments are participating in the fundraiser event on both Saturday and Sunday.

FTA 2005 Triennial Performance Review

The Federal Transit Administration is conducting a Triennial Review of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's transit operations on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 through Friday, September 16, 2005. They will be assessing Metro's management practices and program implementation to evaluate compliance with Federal Program requirements.

In preparation for this review, staff worked hard in coordinating with the FTA representatives by answering questions and assembling documents in advance of the site visit. Through staff efforts, five areas are already closed with no findings and there are minor follow-up issues in most areas.

Annual Night of the Stars Banquet – Friday, September 16, 2005

Metro's annual Night of Stars banquet is scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2005. The event will be held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel located at 404

South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. Reception begins at 6:00 p.m., dinner and awards presentation from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Awards will be given to Operators, Mechanics and other Operations support staff working for the five Metro Bus Sectors, Metro Rail and in the central maintenance facility honoring their excellent attendance, demonstrated commitment to customer service, zero traffic accidents, and zero lost time injury claims. There will be some "Spotlight" awards given to several outstanding employees who have demonstrated extraordinary service and commitment. I will be the master of ceremonies and Supervisor Gloria Molina will be the keynote speaker.

Update on Contract Bus Services Labor Issue - Day 40

Transportation Concepts Inc. (TCI) made 100% on-time rollout this morning. There were ten drivers and two teamster representatives on the picket lines.

There was an incident where a TCI road supervisor from another location did not stop and wait for the picketers when pulling into the facility. TCI management counseled the employee to wait before crossing the picket line in the future. No one was injured as part of this incident.

CEO Upcoming Meetings and Events

Next week I will be meeting with the Mobility 21 Executive Committee Members; Bud Ovrom and Jaime de la Vega; Councilmember Bernard Parks; Municipal Operators General Managers; Supervisor Burke; Supervisor Yaroslavsky; and the Region-wide CEOs.

Of Note:

On September 10, 1967 the 6th and Los Angeles Bus Terminal jointly operated by the Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD) and Greyhound Bus began operations. SCRTD discontinued its service from that terminal 15 years later on September 12, 1982. A few years later, the 6th and Los Angeles Greyhound Terminal was sold and Greyhound moved to its operations to the current location near 7th and Alameda.

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