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Metro Orange Line End-To-End Testing

Media Relations issued a news release today announcing the start of the end-to-end day and night testing of the Metro Orange Line, which could begin as early as Monday, September 19. Pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists were reminded not to trespass on Rapidway properties, and given tips to ensure their safety with buses running along the right-of-way. The Daily News is expected to run a story this weekend. http://www.metro.net/press/2005/09_september/metro_129.htm

Crematorium Find On Gold Line Eastside Extension

A reporter from the LA Weekly interviewed staff today regarding the bones found during the construction of the East Portal for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension at First and Lorena. The property was once part of the LA County Crematorium. Staff, headed by Rick Thorpe, Chief Capital Management Officer, discussed the discoveries of several human remains and the plans Metro has, in accordance with the community, to follow a proper reinternment of the remains and construction of a memorial. A story will follow next week.

Metro Prepares For Future

The Daily News this weekend will publish an article that focuses on unfunded future liabilities government agencies statewide are racking up for pension, retirees' health care and workers comp. A reporter was told that Metro is in good shape because it funds present estimated value of those costs so we should not be in the red, a sharp contrast with most public agencies the Daily News has surveyed including police and fire, city and county government, school districts

and transportation agencies.

12th World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems

The 12th World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) will be held November 6-10, 2005 in San Francisco. The theme of this year's conference is "Enabling Choices in Transportation". The World Congress on ITS is one of the premier events of the ITS industry supported and sponsored by ITS America, ITS Japan and ERTICO (ITS Europe). The conference provides an excellent opportunity connecting both international and national leaders/transportation officials to network and share the latest development of ITS technologies, services, lessons and solutions in meeting today's transportation challenges. Metro Planning staff will participate in the technical program to present "Regional Integration of ITS (RIITS)" in Technical Session 11.0/A and share the progress achieved in Los Angeles County in System Integration and System Interoperability.

Update on Contract Bus Services Labor Issue - Day 47

Transportation Concepts Inc. (TCI) made 100% on-time rollout again this morning. There were seven drivers and three teamster representatives on the picket lines. There were no incidents between the TCI drivers and picketers.

CEO Upcoming Meetings and Events

Next week I will be meeting with Supervisors' Antonovich, Molina, Burke and Yaroslavsky. I will attend an Eastside Partnering Session; an Orange Line briefing for Councilmember Wendy Greuel, with Directors' Katz and Fleming; and the Hispanic Corporate Council Reception. The following week I will be attending the APTA conference in Dallas, TX.

Of Note:

On this day in 1999, the first Automated Passenger Counter technology was installed on 60 Metro buses generating valuable information that could be used to improve customer service, scheduling and service levels. The technology was later expanded to all Metro buses.

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