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Metro's Big Rig Tow Truck Press Event

Numerous media outlets attended today's media event where L.A. Mayor Villaraigosa, Long Beach City Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal, CHP Assistant Chief Art Acevedo, Caltrans District 7 Director Doug Failing, the California Trucking Association's Sr. Vice President Stephanie Williams and I announced the start of the Metro Freeway Service Patrol's (FSP) Big Rig Tow Service exclusively for the busy I-710 (Long Beach) Freeway.

Mayor Villaraigosa noted that the Big Rig Tow Service is the first of its kind in the nation that is aimed at freeway congestion caused by freight and goods movement. Councilmember Lowenthal spoke of continuing to work with the corridor cities to develop and implement long-term solutions to the congestion and safety issues on the Long Beach Freeway. I mentioned the success of the FSP program over the nearly 15 years of its existence. It covers 400 miles of LA County freeways and has helped more than three million motorists so far.

Media in attendance at today's event included KCBS/KCAL TV, KABC-TV, KMEX-TV, Ch. 35, Korean Television, Los Angeles Times, Copley News, The Daily Journal, International Daily News, Chinese Daily News, La Opinion and the City of Lakewood Cable TV. Media Relations staff also did interviews with KFI radio following the event. Stories are expected tonight and tomorrow.

State Senator Cedillo to Hold a Community Meeting on the Route 710 Tunnel Feasibility Technical Assessment

State Senator Gilbert Cedillo has requested Metro's participation in his upcoming community meeting to inform his constituents on the Route 710 Tunnel Feasibility Technical Assessment Study. The meeting will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2005, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, at California State University, Los Angeles.

Assembly Member Oropeza to Hold a Hearing on Goods Movement

State Assembly and Transportation Committee Member Jenny Oropeza will be holding a hearing of the Assembly Transportation Committee on “The Human Side of Goods Movement: Responding to the Health Effects”. The hearing will take place on Wednesday, October 12, from 11:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Metro is not formally participating in this hearing. For more information on the hearing, please visit <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a55/>

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