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Metro Orange Line Ridership And Safety Issues

The Los Angeles Times inquired today regarding this week's ridership stats on the new Metro Orange Line. Media Relations staff told the reporter that ridership on the line for Monday and Tuesday of this week was estimated at 9,000 boarding passengers each day. This is somewhat lower than last week's estimates due in part because of the 1,000 "Free Ride" coupons that were distributed to people attending the opening weekend ceremonies that didn't get a chance to ride the new system. The reporter was told those coupons expired on Sunday, Nov. 6 and that this week's ridership estimates reflected that. Ridership still exceeds staff projections of 5,000 to 7,000 daily riders in the first year of operation. The Los Angeles Times also planned to attend this afternoon's LA City Council Transportation Committee meeting where both Metro Orange Line safety issues and the bus only lane along Wilshire Boulevard were expected to be discussed. A story may appear in tomorrow's newspaper.

California Transit Association 40th Annual Fall Conference & EXPO - Tuesday November 1 to Thursday November 3, 2005

The California Transit Associations 40th Annual Fall Conference & EXPO was held November 1-3, 2005 in San Jose, California. This premier transit education and networking opportunity brings together industry leaders and decision makers in the California public transit industry. Approximately 550 transit professionals from California and beyond participated in the conference. The focus of the conference was on safety and security, featuring a presentation by Metrolink and others on "Crisis and Emergency Response: Transit Leadership Under Pressure;" and a presentation on "Security Your System." Featured panelists for the security presentation included an Israeli military specialist, the superintendent of British Railway Police's Counter Terrorism Unit, and Los Angeles Metro security officials. John Catoe, Chair of the California Transit

Association's Executive Committee for the past two years, will turn over the gavel to Chester Moland of Golden Empire Transit District this December.

Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata Announces Changes in Committees Chairs and Leadership Posts

Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata has made the following changes in Committee Chairs and Leadership. Senator Kevin Murray (Los Angeles) will be replacing Carole Migden (San Francisco) as the chair of the Appropriations Committee. Senator Migden will replace Senator Richard Alarcon (Sun Valley) as Majority Whip and will also replace Senator Elaine Alquist (San Jose) as chair of Public Safety. Senator Alquist will replace Senator Joe Simitian (Palo Alto) as chair of Human Services. Senator Simitian will replace Senator Alan Lowenthal (Long Beach) as chair of Environmental Quality. Lastly, Senator Torlakson will assume the post of Caucus Chair previously held by Senator Murray. Senator Lowenthal will now chair the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

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