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CTC Announces Trade Corridor Improvement Fund Hearings

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) recently announced Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) Hearings to be held throughout the State from February 19 through 22, 2008 (see hearing schedule below). The \$2 billion TCIF was established in November of 2006 when Proposition 1B was approved by voters. This amount was later increased to \$3 billion by the CTC in November 2007. The CTC is now evaluating \$4.2 billion in statewide TCIF funding requests, which were submitted by their January 17, 2008 deadline (see attached list of Statewide projects). CTC staff recommendations are scheduled for release on March 13, 2008 and the CTC is scheduled to adopt the \$3 billion TCIF program on April 10, 2008.

The first hearing is scheduled to take place in Los Angeles on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 in the Metro Board Room. At this hearing, the Southern California TCIF Working Group agencies will be granted one half hour to present their request for 53 projects totaling \$2.2 billion (of note: the 54th project, the Colton Crossing, on the attached list was not submitted by the Southern California TCIF Working Group). The Southern California TCIF Working Group is preparing summary information for all submitted Southern California Trade Corridor projects and is discussing the most appropriate way to collectively address the CTC at the Los Angeles hearing. Working Group volunteers will monitor the other hearings, which are scheduled to take place as detailed below.

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Los Angeles 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority One Gateway Plaza, Board Room Los Angeles, California

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

San Diego 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. San Diego Association of Governments 401 B Street, Suite 800 San Diego, California

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Oakland 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Department of Transportation District 4 Office 111 Grand Avenue, Auditorium Oakland, California

Friday, February 22, 2008

Fresno 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 2550 Mariposa Mall, Room 1036 Fresno, California

Media Attended Today's Board Meeting

Today, the Daily News, La Opinion, the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, LA City Beat, KABC-TV and Channel 22/52 attended the Board meeting. Reporters were interested in the Metro Rail gating issue as well as the Long Range Transportation Plan update and the Fare Policy. Stories may run tomorrow.

Metro Blue Line System Service Alerts

System maintenance is scheduled to take place on the Metro Blue Line starting at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, January 25, 2008 until the close of service. Northbound trains to Los Angeles will run 16 minutes later than regularly scheduled, beginning from Transit Mall at 8:57 p.m. and every 20 minutes through 11:47 p.m. Trains to Wardlow will run according to regular schedule between 11:41 p.m. and 1:41 a.m. Southbound trains to Long Beach will leave 7th/Metro Center on its regular schedule.

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