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Tragic Early Morning Metro Bus Accident

Media Relations received numerous inquiries today regarding a tragic accident that occurred early this morning in which a Metro operator died after the bus he was driving struck a tree. The accident occurred around 1:00 a.m. on Line 55 out of Metro Division 1 at the intersection of Willowbrook Avenue and El Segundo Boulevard near Compton. There were no passengers on board the bus at the time of the accident. It took Los Angeles County Fire crews approximately 45 minutes to extricate the operator from the bus where he was transported to Martin Luther King Hospital and died a short time later. The cause of the accident is under investigation by the California Highway Patrol. The operator was identified as 35-year-old Steve Cook, who joined Metro in August 2003. Media Relations provided information regarding the accident to Channels 2/9, 4, 7, KFWB, and Metro Networks in addition to the *Los Angeles Times*. Stories appeared on early morning newscasts and may also run tonight and tomorrow.

Roybal-Allard Joins Powerful Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34) has joined the House Committee on Appropriations' subcommittee tasked with funding federal transportation and housing programs. Specifically, the Transportation and Housing Subcommittee appropriates monies to bus, highway and rail projects nationwide and supports

the operations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Metro has received hundreds of millions of dollars through the annual appropriation bill adopted by this subcommittee. Metro's Director of Federal Advocacy, David Kim, personally congratulated the congresswoman in Washington, DC earlier today on her new subcommittee assignment.

Department of Homeland Security Issues Guidelines for Transit Security Grants

Earlier today, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released [program guidance](#) for FY 2007 transit security and intercity bus security grants. The program guidance outlines the application process and explains the risk formula that will be utilized to determine grant allocations. For FY 2007, a total of \$163,950,000 will be available for transit security grants and \$11,640,000 for intercity bus security grants nationwide. Applications for funding are due by February 20th and will be evaluated by a national peer review panel composed of experienced subject matter experts from federal agencies. DHS intends to announce individual allocations no later than April 20th.

I-710 Executive Committee Cancelled

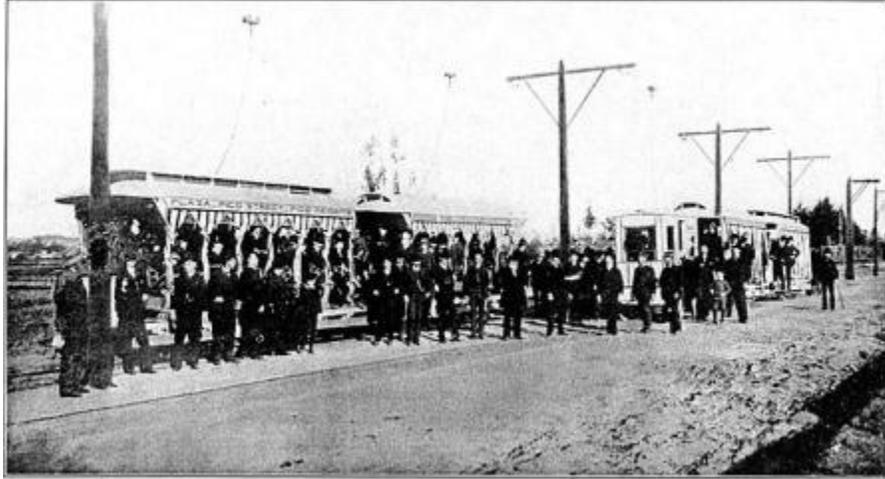
The I-710 Executive Committee's meeting for January has been postponed. Much of the work on the project this past quarter has been to develop and refine a scope of work and put proposals out to bid. As a result, the Committee does not currently have any action items for its consideration. However, once an I-710 Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement contractor has been hired (proposals are due by January 9th), the activity of the committee is expected to increase.

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Construction Update

Earlier today, I toured the six-mile alignment of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension and went underground to view the construction progress. During this tour, I was able to enter one of the six tunnel cross-passages that are being constructed along the 1.7 miles of twin concrete tunnels beneath Boyle Heights. With the construction of both tunnels completed last year, 2007 marks the beginning of construction for the eight stations and the line's track guideways from Downtown through the Little Tokyo/Arts District and Boyle Heights to East Los Angeles. I am happy to report that the project remains on-time and within budget and also has achieved an excellent safety record of over 1.5 million work hours from the start of construction without a lost-time accident.

Of Note

On this date in 1887, Los Angeles' first electric streetcar appeared on Pico Boulevard. This was the first line west of the Rocky mountains to use electricity as propulsion power.



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