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Goods Movement Action Plan Released

Yesterday, the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BTH) and California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) jointly released the final [Goods Movement Action Plan \(GMAP\)](#), which outlines a comprehensive strategy to address the economic and environmental issues associated with moving goods via the state's highways, railways and ports.

The GMAP is a key component of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Strategic Growth Plan and will guide the allocation of \$3.1 billion of the \$19.9 billion approved by voters in Proposition 1B. The GMAP focuses on the state's four key transportation corridors – the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles/Inland Empire, the San Diego border region and the San Joaquin Valley. The plan was developed to promote economic growth, encourage the creation of new high-paying jobs, and address the environmental challenges of this growing industry.

The GMAP includes approximately 200 possible projects covering infrastructure, public health and environmental mitigation, community impact mitigation, homeland security, public safety and workforce training. A range of funding sources and mechanisms are also presented against which additional Proposition 1B bond funds may be leveraged.

BTH and Cal/EPA will next present the GMAP to the California Transportation Commission, the California Air Resources Board and the California Maritime

Transportation Security Council for their consideration.

Metro's Proposed Transit Adjudication Bureau

The *Los Angeles Times* is preparing a story on the possible implementation of a Transit Adjudication Bureau (TAB) within Metro. The proposal is in reaction to the fact that citations processed on behalf of Metro (particularly those issued for fare evasion) significantly contribute to the backlog at the County's courts. Staff explained to the reporter that the proposal, if implemented, would create a separate TAB that would be established solely for the purpose of processing Metro citations. It was also noted that a review of the concept by an APTA Peer Review Panel was positive. Specifically, the Panel noted that the establishment of such a TAB would reinforce the messages that Metro places a high importance on the safety, security and comfort of its customers and also has "zero tolerance" for fare evasion. The story is expected to run on Monday.

Metro Set to Receive Seven Million Dollars in Homeland Security Funds

Media Relations distributed a [news release](#) this afternoon noting that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced that the greater Los Angeles area is eligible to receive up to \$7 million to enhance security measures for the region's public transportation infrastructure. Under the Department's FY 2007 Infrastructure Protection Program, funding would become available for a wide range of transit security measures, including strengthening the bus and rail system against explosive attacks, preparedness training, equipment purchase, training exercises, security management and administration costs. Metro will submit a complete funding application shortly. Grants are scheduled to be awarded this spring. The funding represents a 14% increase over DHS' previous year allocation of \$6.2 million for the region.

Westside/Central Sector Governance Council Meeting Recap

On Wednesday, January 10th, the Westside/Central Service Sector held their first Governance Council meeting of the year. The Sector Council received the following updates and presentations:

- FY07 YTD November Performance and Financials
 - Presentation on marketing materials for new ridership, "taking ridership to next level". This was favorably received by the council who would like to see ridership increase through the use of new incentives and promotions. The Council is especially enthusiastic about the Metro Connections program and its impact on Westside ridership.
 - Accident Reduction Plan. The council was informed of the different types and
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evaluations of accidents that may occur in the course of day-to-day bus operations. An example of the agency's DriveCam video was also shown as a tool for aiding in accident reconstruction and determining operator culpability and areas of further instruction.

- Report on the proposed service changes for June 2007. The list of the proposed service changes will be shared at the Sector's next Public Hearing which will be held on February 14th at 5:00 p.m.

Media Probes Governor's Proposed 2007 State Budget Impact on Transit

The *Daily News* is expected to do a follow-up article this weekend on the manner in which Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed 2007-08 State Budget would impact Southland transit agencies. Terry Matsumoto, Metro's Chief Financial Services Officer, spoke with a reporter and noted that Los Angeles County could lose \$260 million under the proposed budget, which still faces Legislative review and action. Approximately \$100 million of the estimated loss would impact Metro directly -- almost enough to offset the agency's projected operating deficit in FY 08.

Upcoming CEO Meetings and Events

Next week I will be meeting individually with Directors John Fasana, Bonnie Lowenthal, Ara Najarian, and Bernard Parks. I will also be participating in the Joint Coordination Meeting between Metro and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

Of Note

On this date in 1984, the Southern California Rapid Transit District officially applied for federal funds to construct the Metro Rail subway system. Groundbreaking occurred 20 months later on September 29th, 1986.

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