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Metro Tagger Sentenced to State Prison

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) deputies assigned to the Transit Services Bureau have been conducting an ongoing investigation into graffiti vandalism crimes occurring on Metro buses and trains and at passenger stations. On October 15, 2006, LASD deputies arrested one tagger, Louie Hernandez (aka "Gloer"). Mr. Hernandez claims no affiliation with any organized tagging crew.

After an exhaustive search of the suspect's residence, Mr. Hernandez signed a written confession admitting responsibility for 17 cases of felony graffiti vandalism, with damages in excess of \$31,000 to Metro property. Faced with the overwhelming evidence confronting him, Mr. Hernandez plead guilty in Superior Court. Last week, he was sentenced to four years and four months in the California state prison system.

Russian Delegation to Visit Metro

The International Visitors Council of Los Angeles has requested a discussion of the accessibility of our bus and rail system for a delegation visiting from Russia's Khabarovsk region. The delegation will be here from January 18th to February 2nd to learn about rights of the disabled in the United States. The group will be visiting Metro on Wednesday, January 24th. Chip Hazen, Metro's ADA Compliance Officer, will leading the delegation on a tour of Union Station and the Gold Line to Chinatown from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. California Council of the Blind Vice President, Mitch Pomerantz, (also City of Los Angeles' ADA Compliance Officer) will also be joining the delegation. The group will be viewing

a number of Metro's accessibility accomplishments including Braille location signs, and other station features. If you are interested in attending this ADA-related tour, please contact my office.

Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting Recap

The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board met last week and voted to:

- approve the City of Los Angeles' FY07 Annual Work Plan in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,713,297 (inclusive of \$1,300,000 previously authorized by the Board);
- approve Caltrans' FY07 Annual Work Plan in an amount not-to-exceed \$650,000 (inclusive of \$260,000 previously authorized by the CEO and the Board);
- approve a Project Phase I budget revision, reducing the project contingency by \$17.4 million;
- adopt amendments to the Phase I FY07 Budget (none of which have an impact to the project's overall \$118 million budget);
- adopt a proposed Phase 2 FY07 Budget of \$2.5 million;
- approve the Authority's Staffing Plan for FY07;
- authorize the CEO to execute the proposed Urban Design Policy to allow alternative design elements, including station design modifications, consistent with the Exposition Transit Parkway planning principles specified in the final EIR/EIS for the Project, [as amended by Director Yaroslavsky](#); and
- authorize the CEO to issue a Notice-to-Proceed for long lead time elements of Contract Package A(2), Sanitary Sewer Line to Flatiron/Fluor/Parsons (FFP), a joint venture, in an amount not-to-exceed \$800,000.

The Expo Board also received and filed the monthly updates on project status and contract actions.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 1, 2007.

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