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### **Metro/OCTA Board Members Meet to Discuss Common Transportation Issues**

On Friday, Board members from OCTA and Metro met to discuss common issues regarding the Los Angeles – San Diego Corridor (LOSSAN). In attendance were Metro Directors Don Knabe and Bonnie Lowenthal, OCTA Chairwoman Carolyn Cavecche and OCTA Board Member Art Brown. Metro CEO Roger Snoble, OCTA CEO Art Leahy, Metrolink/SCRRA CEO David Solow, as well as several city representatives were also in attendance. Among the issues discussed were the provision of all day service seven days a week from San Diego to Los Angeles, consolidating all service providers along the corridor, and moving forward on the development of a cross border study between Los Angeles and Orange Counties. This cross border study would be used to develop a framework for analyzing transportation issues common to both counties.

This meeting was the second in a series of meetings by the agencies to better coordinate transportation solutions between the two counties. The Board members decided to meet in approximately two months to continue their joint efforts.

### **Reserve the Date**

[International Visitors Council of Los Angeles, Russian Khabarovsk Region Delegation Tour – Wednesday, January 24, 2007](#)

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

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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.

Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce's 118th Annual Inaugural Dinner, Thursday, January 25, 2007

The LAACC's 118th Annual Inaugural Dinner will be held on Thursday, January 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills. This event celebrates the installation of the new Chair of the Board, Metro Board Member David Fleming. The Chamber will also present their annual Corporate Leadership and Distinguished Business Leader Awards, in addition to the group's prestigious Medal of Honor.

New State Legislators Seminar/Luncheon – Friday, January 26, 2007

Board Chair Gloria Molina is hosting a luncheon for the newest members of Los Angeles' legislative delegation on Friday, January 26th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Metro Board Conference Room.

Goods Movement Board Workshop – Monday, January 29, 2007

A workshop on goods movement issues in the Southern California area will be held in the Metro Board Room on Monday, January 29th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Attendees thus far include John Barna, Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission, and officials from the Alameda Corridor East, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, Union Pacific, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation. Representatives from all five Councils of Governments and the Southern California Association of Governments will also be in attendance.

Hollywood/Vine Joint Development Groundbreaking – Thursday, February 12, 2007

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This groundbreaking for construction of the Hollywood/Vine joint development, which was originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 23rd at 3:00 p.m. has been rescheduled to Monday, February 12th at 11:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Hollywood/Vine Metro Red Line Station (in the parking lot behind the station).

The site's developer, Legacy Partners, and others will join Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and a host of city, agency and community officials to break ground at the world-famous Hollywood and Vine intersection to build one of the largest, most ambitious mixed-use, transit-oriented development projects in Los Angeles. The \$500 million development project will include a 300-room W Hotel, 143 W Residences, 375 luxury apartments ( including 79 affordable units), approximately 61,000 square feet of retail space and transit plaza improvements at the Hollywood/Vine Metro Red Line Station in Hollywood. Construction is expected to take approximately 24 months with completion targeted for the first quarter 2009.

The developers are also planning an after-event party at the W Sales Center from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm.

#### Go Red for Women Media Event – Wednesday, February, 14, 2007

The “Go Red for Women” press event will be held by the American Heart Association (AHA) on Wednesday, February 14th in the East Portal at 7:30 a.m. The AHA has teamed up with Metro to promote the “Go Red” campaign and the media event is designed to build awareness about the urgent need to educate women on how to live longer, stronger, heart-healthy lives.

#### SAFETEA-LU Commission Field Hearing – Tuesday to Thursday, February 20 and 22, 2007

The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission announced plans to hold a field hearing in Los Angeles County in February of 2007. The commission, which was created by SAFETEA-LU, is charged with examining both the needs of the nation's surface transportation system and generating a short and long term plan to ensure the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund. Metro actively encouraged the consideration of a hearing in Los Angeles and was supported in this effort by U.S. Representatives Gary Miller (R-CA) and Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA) who issued a joint letter to the Commission on August 3rd. The event will be co-hosted by Metro, the California Marine and Intermodal Transportation System Advisory Council, the American Traffic Safety Services Association and the Associated General Contractors of America. The hearing's date, venue, time, and agenda information will be provided as it is determined by the Commission.

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Tuesday, February 20, 2007 – Evening Reception, City Hall, Tom Bradley Room, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 21, 2007 – Morning Tour and Afternoon Testimony

Thursday, February 22, 2007 – Morning Testimony

South Bay Council of Governments' 8th Annual General Assembly – Friday February 23, 2007

The South Bay Council of Governments' 8th Annual General Assembly will be held on Friday, February 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Carson Community Center, in Carson. The topic for the conference is "Mobility Options for the South Bay" and will feature speakers on the subtopics of: "transportation alternatives," "how to get better performance out of our existing system by using technology," and "is congestion bad?"

Metro Annual Washington DC Trip – Sunday thru Tuesday, February 25-27, 2007

Details for Metro's Annual Washington DC Trip are currently being determined and will be distributed as an agenda is drafted. Meetings will likely occur with many members of the Los Angeles federal delegation.

Faster Freight Cleaner Air Conference – Monday through Wednesday, February 26-28, 2007

The Faster Freight Cleaner Air Conference will be held in Long Beach from February 26-28. Staff is currently working to add Metro as a host to this event. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting - February 28, 2007

The California Transportation Commission will be meeting on Wednesday, February 28th at Irvine City Hall to discuss adapting the Corridor Mobility Improvement Program. Additional details will be disseminated as they become available.

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