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Metro Expresses Deep Concern Regarding Potential Cut in Federal Transportation Funds

Earlier today, I sent a [letter to Chairman David Obey \(D-WI\) and Ranking Member Jerry Lewis \(R-CA\)](#) of the House Committee on Appropriations regarding my concern that legislation expected to come before the House next week will freeze funding levels for the coming year at Fiscal Year 2006 levels. This action, according to projections, would result in a cut of over \$70 million in highway and transit funding for Los Angeles County projects and programs. The problem lies in the fact that SAFETEA-LU authorized funding for Fiscal Year 2007 is based on the assumption that the appropriations bill would grow, year over year, above the Fiscal Year 2006 level. If Congress were to freeze funding at Fiscal Year 2006 levels for the coming year, it would result in a cut of over \$4 billion nationwide in highway and transit funding. Copies of this letter have been shared with all members of Los Angeles County's Congressional Delegation.

Several Weekend Events Expected to Detour Metro Buses

Americans angered by President George W. Bush's plans to escalate the Iraq war will flood the streets of Washington, Los Angeles and San Francisco on Saturday, January 27th in a massive national peace march organized by United for Peace and Justice (UFPJ). In Los Angeles, over 50 organizations have endorsed the noon march and rally that will begin in front of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party headquarters at 9th and Figueroa. The procession will wind its way to the Federal Building at 300 North Los Angeles Street.

In addition, Metro's Bus Operations Control has been notified of a separate Peace March and Rally that will occur on Sunday, January 28th. This second march will occur on Broadway between 6th and Olympic Streets, also in Downtown Los Angeles.

Finally, bus service in Downtown Los Angeles will also be impacted by the filming of a film called "the Invasion." Filming will occur throughout the weekend from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Metro's Bus Operations Control has forwarded detour notices to the affected divisions. During this time, impacted lines will be re-routed according to Bus Operations Control or a Field Supervisor.

Upcoming CEO Meetings and Events

Next week I will be meeting with Congressman Esteban Torres, Assembly member Bob Huff and UTU President James William. I will also be participating in the 2007 California Agenda Public Policy Lecture Series.

Of Note

On January 28, 1991, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Norwalk-El Segundo Metro Green Line.

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