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Goods Movement Board Workshop

The Board held its first Goods Movement Workshop this morning from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to discuss the role that Metro should play in one of Southern California's most defining issues. The Board received briefings from Barry Sedlik, the Acting Secretary of the California Business, Transportation & Housing Agency and John Barna, the Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission. Staff delivered an overview of Metro's proposed Goods Movement Policy and its impacts on projects, advocacy and partnerships and funding.

Testimony was also provided by a number of people including: the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the Southern California Association of Governments, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG), the South Bay COG, the San Gabriel Valley COG, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the Alameda Corridor Transit Authority, the Alameda Corridor East, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, Union Pacific Railroad, the California Truckers Association, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation.

The Board indicated a desire to see the development of both a Good Movement Master Plan for Los Angeles County and interim short-term strategies to mitigate the negative impacts of goods movement in the region. All which will be addressed through the development of the Goods Movement Policy Statement.

Metro Chair Hosts New Legislator Briefing

On Friday, Board Chair Gloria Molina hosted a briefing for new members of the

Los Angeles County legislative delegation. The new members were briefed on Metro's projects and programs, the Long Range Transportation Plan and Metro's legislative efforts regarding last November's infrastructure bonds. Among the new members that participated in last week's briefing were Assemblymembers Mike Eng, Mike Davis, Anthony Portantino and Ed Hernandez. Staff representing Assemblymembers Charles Calderon, Tony Mendoza and Laura Richardson were also present. Director Katz and I also participated.

Metro's Proposed Transit Court

News media outlets Channel 54 TV, KNX, and KFI radio today requested information on the proposed Transit Court to be consider by the Board of Directors later this year. A story on the proposal of creating a special court for transit-related offenses appeared this morning in the Los Angeles Times. Staff told reporters that Metro believes the agency could get a bigger share of the money generated by the citations issued by opening its own transit court and more aggressively going after offenders who don't pay their fares. Stories are expected to air later today.

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