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U.S. House of Representatives Passes Waxman Subway Tunneling Bill

Congressman Henry Waxman's (D-CA) bill, H.R. 238, to repeal a longstanding prohibition on the use of federal funds for subway tunneling in Los Angeles was adopted by the U.S. House of Representatives earlier today. The Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Rep. James Oberstar (D-MN), senior House Transportation & Infrastructure member Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO), and Rep. Henry Waxman all spoke in support of the measure. The U.S. Senate is expected to act shortly on a companion bill to the Waxman legislation that was introduced yesterday by Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein.

Subsequently, I spoke with a reporter from the *Los Angeles Times* on this subject. Media relations staff also talked to reporters from City News Service and radio stations KPCC and KFI. We all reported that this action is a step in the right direction, and that it affirms the findings of a panel of independent experts who determined tunneling could safely occur along the Wilshire Corridor. Today's vote opens the future possibility of securing federal funds to extend the subway westward to help alleviate the area's crushing traffic congestion. It was noted that extension of the subway is part of Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan, but that the Metro Board has not yet prioritized the project. Stories are expected to run today and tomorrow.

June 2007 Bus Service Changes

Spanish language newspapers *La Opinión* and *Hoy* and Channels 4 and 62 (Spanish language) also interviewed Metro staff earlier today regarding the bus

service changes scheduled for June 2007. Staff explained that Metro is holding public hearings to encourage comment on the proposed changes. It was noted that all new bus lines and changes are directed to improve the overall Metro Bus system. Stories are expected to run today and tomorrow.

Memorial Services for Summer Kempton

Earlier this week, I reported that Will Kempton's (Director, Caltrans) youngest daughter, Summer, passed away. Memorial services for the 21 year old will be held on Monday, February 12th at 11:00 a.m. at the Oak Hills Church (1100 Blue Ravine Road) in Folsom, CA. A memorial fund has also been established in Summer's honor:

Summer Kempton Memorial Youth Sports Fund
Folsom Athletic Association
P.O. Box 835
Folsom, CA 95763

Again, we at Metro are truly saddened to hear of the Kempton Family's loss and I encourage you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers in the coming days.

Regionwide Transportation CEOs Meeting Agenda

The next Regionwide Transportation CEOs Meeting will be held this Friday, January 12th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Malibu Conference Room on the 25th floor of Metro's Gateway Headquarters Building. This month, the group will focus their attention on reviews of the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan and the Goods Movement Memorandum of Understanding.

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