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Congestion Reduction Demonstration Initiative Discussed at the SGV Legislative Caucus

On Saturday, June 14th, Assemblymember Ed Hernandez (D-Baldwin Park), Chair of the San Gabriel Valley (SGV) Legislative Caucus, presided over a morning meeting at the West Covina City Hall Council Chambers to discuss our Congestion Reduction Demonstration Initiative.

The meeting was attended by Congressional Representatives Hilda Solis (32nd CD) and Grace Napolitano (38th CD), State Senator Bob Margett (R-Glendora) and State Assemblymembers Mike Eng (D-Monterey Park) and Anthony Portantino (D-Pasadena). In addition, there was significant attendance by other local elected officials from the San Gabriel Valley.

The topic of the meeting was "Congestion Pricing and the Impact on the San Gabriel Valley." I was invited to present, along with Director Failing and UCLA Urban Planning Professor Brian Taylor. Director Fasana, Chair of our Ad Hoc Congestion Pricing Committee, provided a summary and wrap-up of our initiatives on congestion pricing and the benefits of implementing a demonstration project with funding from the USDOT Urban Partners Program. He also emphasized the need for state legislation to authorize the implementation of the program.

Much of the discussion centered on equity issues over transportation funding in the region, including specific questions regarding funding for the Gold Line Foothill Extension and the current recommendations in the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan.

As a result of the broad participation in the caucus and the level of interest in the

topic, Chair Hernandez recommended that a second caucus meeting be scheduled in the near future to help answer more questions and help attendees more fully understand the issues related to the implementation of this demonstration project.

Beverly Hills Rotary Club

Earlier today, I addressed the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills as the keynote luncheon speaker and provided an overview of our agency and the many roles we play as a transit operator, builder and planner in Los Angeles County. I discussed the projects currently under construction as well as those to which we are committed in the constrained element of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) related to transit and highways. I also discussed the projects we would like to do if additional funding can be identified as well as some of the new funding solutions we are pursuing, including congestion pricing, congestion mitigation fee, public/private partnerships and a possible new sales tax ballot measure. As part of my remarks, I was able to provide more details about the proposed ballot measure and discussed that the Board would be considering this and the LRTP on June 26, 2008.

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Transit Pass Sales

Today, Communications staff reported that revenue from sales of the Annual Employer Pass has exceeded \$1.5 million dollars since January 2008. The number of employer worksites participating in the program is 322 and 7,604 annual passes have been purchased. Our Institutional Pass program has netted close to \$1.2 million dollars this year. Combined revenue from all Employer Pass programs, schools, Jury pass, and convention visitors is about \$13.4 million up from about \$11.8 million last year.

Monthly Regionwide CEO Meeting

On Friday, the Regionwide CEOs met here at headquarters to discuss a number of transportation issues of mutual concern to our region. Among the issues addressed were the various bills pending in the State Legislature; the status of a Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Services study; the Metrolink Cost Sharing Formula and a related directive from the Board; and the continued discussion of the Transportation Corridor Infrastructure Funds process and upcoming application deadlines.

In addition, Orange County Transportation Authority CEO Art Leahy introduced Marnie O'Brien Primmer, who will serve in the newly created post of Executive Director for the Mobility 21 Coalition. For your review, I have attached a press release on this matter.

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