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Media Inquiry Regarding Congestion Pricing

Today, Media Relations received a media inquire from the Pasadena Star News regarding reports that the agency has switched course in our congestion pricing proposal and now wants to include the 110 Harbor Transitway instead of the 210 freeway corridor. The reporter was told that we continue to look at all three corridors that include the 10, 210 and 110 freeways and that no decision has been made. We are considering all three corridors for possible implementation of Fast Lanes to determine what is best for the commuter. The reporter was also told that the three freeways are included in our MOU with the US Department of Transportation. A story may appear tomorrow.

Media Inquiry Regarding if the New Sales Tax can Fund Existing Projects

Today, a Daily News reporter inquired about the sources of funding for Expo Phase I & II including local, state and federal funds. The reporter then asked if a new local sales tax for transportation was placed on the ballot and approved by voters, could sales tax monies be used to cover additional costs that might arise for the Expo light rail project. Staff responded that the intent of the sales tax is to fund new projects, improve transit operations and give the cities monies for local transportation improvement efforts. Until the ordinance for the ballot measure is drafted and final legislative action is taken on AB 2321 and the Board acts on the ordinance, it's premature to answer that question. Also the reporter was told that the expenditure plan listing the various transit and highway projects that would be funded under a new sales tax has not been finalized. Item #54 from the June Board meeting had suggestions but the Board did not adopt that list. There will be a list of specific project expenditures with the ordinance that comes before the Board later this month.

Metro Blue Line – System Alert Update

Friday night through Sunday, July 11-13, 2008, repairs are scheduled to take place at the Metro Blue Line 124th Street and 130th Street grade crossings (see attached [system alert](#)). On Friday and Saturday, from 9:00 p.m. to the close of service, one track will be out of service between Imperial and Artesia Stations. On Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., one track will be out of service between Imperial and Artesia Stations. During these periods, all trains will run every 20 minutes.

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