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Supervisor Burke Appointed to Congressional Ethics Board

Congratulations to Supervisor Burke, who was recently appointed by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-OH) to serve on the Board of Directors of the newly created Office of Congressional Ethics. In this role, Supervisor Burke will join a select group of former House members and other outside experts to review allegations of misconduct among current members of Congress and make recommendations to the House Ethics Committee. The Office of Congressional Ethics was established to supplement the ongoing work of the Ethics Committee and will be governed by a board comprised of four Democratic appointees and four Republican appointees. As a former House member, Supervisor Burke is eminently well qualified to serve in this role and we congratulate her on this well deserved appointment.

Ridership Gains for Line 450X Along the Harbor Transitway

Line 450X continues to post impressive ridership gains since its inception in June 2005. The premium express bus service operates on the I-110 Harbor Transitway between the Artesia Transit Center and 7th/Metro Center. The buses are painted dark blue to differentiate and brand that service from the local buses on the Transitway. The buses make only one stop on the Harbor Transitway to provide an expedited trip. When it started, the line carried just 150 riders per day, but effective marketing and rising gasoline prices in the past couple years have led to over 700 customers on an average weekday. Line 450X serves a large park and ride customer base. There has been a surge in the number of cars parked at Artesia Transit Center which has over 900 spaces. The lot is now over 50% occupied, up

from 15% in 2003.

Metro Rail [System Service Alerts](#) – Green and Red Lines

Metro Green Line

Monday through Thursday, July 28-31, 2008 from 9:45 a.m. until 2:15 p.m., trains will run every 18 minutes due to system maintenance.

Metro Red Line

Monday through Thursday, July 28-31, 2008 after 9:00 p.m., Red Line trains from North Hollywood Station to Union Station will run four minutes later than regularly scheduled due to system maintenance. Red Line trains from Union Station to North Hollywood Station will run according to its regular schedule.

On Friday, August 1, 2008 after 9:00pm, Red Line trains from Union Station to North Hollywood Station will be subject to minor delays between Universal City and North Hollywood due to system maintenance.

Reserve the Dates

T-21 – 11th Annual Transportation Summit, Thursday, August 14, 2008 from 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Irving, Texas

The Summit is a four day event that has attracted the most prestigious registrants and speakers from 41 states, 13 countries and 55 national and international trade and transportation organizations. This summit will continue working to promote the development of a national multimodal transportation policy to guide the future of transportation for our nation.

I-5/14 Direct HOV Connector, Monday, August 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., Location TBD.

Caltrans will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the I-5/14 HOV Connector Project.

Board members who wish to attend may contact my office so we can make the necessary arrangements.

LACMTA Annual Governance Council Meet and Confer, Wednesday, August 20, 2008 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Board Conference Room, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, California

The Governance Councils will meet and confer with the CEO and COO to discuss

the overall effectiveness of the sectors and other related matters.

Board members who wish to attend may contact my office so we can make the necessary arrangements.

FTA New Start Projects Quarterly Review, Wednesday, August 27, 2008, Location TBD

The meeting is being held to update FTA representatives about our ongoing construction projects and other management related items.

San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Awards Gala, Friday, September 12, 2008, Santa Anita Park, 285 West Huntington Drive, Arcadia, California.

The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the awards presentation. Included among the 2008 Honorees, Director John Fasana will be receiving the 2008 Community Service Award.

Board Members who wish to attend, please contact my office by Wednesday, August 6, 2008 so we can make the necessary arrangements.

2008 Fernando Awards Dinner, Saturday, September 13, 2008, Universal Studios' Globe Theatre, Universal City, California.

The reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and the awards presentation starting at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members who wish to attend, please contact my office by Wednesday, August 6, 2008 so we can make the necessary arrangements.

LA Chamber's ACCESS LA City Hall, Thursday, September 25, 2008, Greater Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, 350 South Bixel Street, Los Angeles, California.

The LA Chamber will be hosting its annual event to talk with city leaders, including Mayor Villaraigosa and members of the LA City Council face-to-face on critical topics facing businesses and Los Angeles.

Seventh Annual Mobility 21 Summit, Monday, October 20, 2008, Wilshire Grand Hotel, 930 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California

Elected Officials, transportation, business and community leaders working together to build consensus and take action to address Southern California's transportation challenges.

Board members who wish to attend may contact my office so we can make the necessary arrangements.

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