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Southern California Consensus Working Group CTC Testimony

On Wednesday, March 12, 2008, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) held a hearing on the CTC staff recommendations for the Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program. All corridors other than Southern California were supportive of the CTC staff recommendations.

Speaking on behalf of the Southern California Consensus Working Group, Anne Mayer, Executive Director of the Riverside County Transportation Commission, stated:

"Our Consensus Group nominated 53 projects in 5 counties valued at \$6.3 billion with a request for almost \$2.2 billion in TCIF funds. While a higher amount would have been more in line with the relative impacts within our region, we appreciate and respect the CTC staff recommendations for \$1.648 billion in TCIF funding for goods movement projects in the Southern California Corridor. The staff recommendations are consistent with the Consensus Group's priorities and if approved will result in over \$4.8 billion being invested in our region for important rail, port, highway and grade separation improvements. These investments also provide essential air quality and community mitigations. We support staff recommendations with respect to the corridor projects. As Andre (CTC staff) mentioned, we are working closely together to resolve questions raised regarding projects scope and schedule as well as air quality issues.

COLTON CROSSING

We also support the staff recommendation that the Colton Crossing be considered separate from and in addition to the corridor allocation. The Southern California Consensus Group concurs that investment in the reconstruction of the Colton Crossing is essential to improving the movement of goods to and through this region. The question has not been one of support but of what type of investments should be made in this critical rail system bottleneck. This project was not included in our proposals due to the overwhelming need for TCIF investment in publicly-owned facilities.

In light of the Department's nomination of this project and staff's recommendation for over \$97 million in TCIF funds, we respectfully request that the CTC ensure that public investment results in significant public benefit such as construction of impacted grade separations and increased passenger rail capacity within the Metrolink system. We strongly recommend that any allocation to this project be additive to this corridor's targets and respectfully request that our agencies are at the negotiating table due to the potential impact to the Metrolink system.

Existing contractual obligations and significant public concerns about allocation of TCIF funds towards this project demand a thorough, objective and cautious evaluation of this project's merits with respect to this program. We appreciate your consideration of our concerns and look forward to continuing opportunities to provide input.

PROGRAM FUNDING

The Consensus Group remains concerned about the certainty of funding for this program above the \$2.0B set aside in Proposition 1B. Over \$3.2 billion in local and other funds are brought to the table to deliver these projects; we need to ensure that construction funds are available when these projects are ready to go. Again, we look forward to continuing opportunities to provide input especially with respect to any projects proposed for SHOPP (State Highway Operation and Protection Plan) funding.

CONCLUSION

The projects nominated by Southern California represent a fraction of the goods movement related need in our region. The TCIF allocations, although very much appreciated, are just a drop in the bucket. We are committed to continuing our consensus efforts to advocate for the region and look forward to joining the other corridors and the state in discussions at the federal level."

Gateway Cities Governance Council Meeting

Yesterday, the Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council held a meeting to discuss the proposed service changes to take effect in June 2008. During the meeting, the Council adopted all of the proposed service changes,

except for truncating Line 60 – night owl service line. Two lines were cancelled, the 127 from Downey to Compton and the 254 (contracted Line) that runs from Boyle Heights to Watts. These were the low productivity lines that were cancelled to provide for the needed Rapid hours.

The Governance Council took up each line proposal separately for discussion and after extended discussion on each line, made their motions. There was an extended discussion regarding the outcome of the San Fernando Valley Governance Council meeting, which led the Gateway Cities Governance Council to conclude that they could not disregard their responsibilities to make decisions on service changes for their sector. At the end of the discussion, the Governance Council understood their duty to approve the implementation of the Rapid service, as required by the Consent Decree, and reallocate hours from poor productive service to achieve a balanced budget. It was a struggle and a difficult debate but in the end they reached consensus on the responsibilities delegated to them by the Board.

Numerous Metro Bus Line Detours this Weekend

Today, Media Relations issued a [news release](#) noting that Metro Bus service will be temporarily detoured Saturday, March 15th, and Monday, March 17th, due to an anti-war demonstration in the Hollywood area and the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Downtown Los Angeles.

The war protest will force us to detour six bus lines from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Hollywood and Sunset Boulevards, Vine Street and Highland Avenue. Metro Bus Lines affected will be lines 2 (the only one until 6 p.m.), 163, 180, 181, and 780 traveling north and southbound. For patrons traveling west and eastbound the affected bus lines will be 210, 212, and 217.

In Downtown Los Angeles, for the traditional Saint Patrick's Day Parade to be held Monday, bus service detours will begin from 11 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m. Streets affected will be to the north: Cesar Chavez Avenue, Arcadia and First streets. To the south: Sixth, Fifth and Fourth streets. To the east: Alameda, Los Angeles and Spring streets. To the west: Hill, Broadway and Spring streets. Numerous Metro Bus lines will be detoured during this time.

Los Angeles Vendor Fair Set For March 25th

Today, Media Relations distributed a [news release](#) noting that businesses interested in contracting with us are encouraged to participate in the 15th Annual Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair to be held Tuesday, March 25th at the Los Angeles Convention Center West Hall B.

The release also notes that as L.A. County's lead transportation planner, designer, builder and operator, we will join the City and County of Los Angeles, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to provide contracting information businesses need to compete for hundreds of millions of dollars in collective agency contracts. Fair organizers will present contract opportunities, introduce business leaders to agency procurement personnel, and provide networking opportunities during the day-long, 2,000 attendee event.

The fair will also include a trade show comprising a variety of vendors that provide specialized products and services for businesses working with public agencies. We have many programs and services that can help companies through the steps in the contracting process, from registering to do business with the agency to competing for, receiving and fulfilling agency contracts.

SPU Personnel Arrest the Tagger Known as "Artek"

On Wednesday, March 12, 2008, Special Projects Unit (SPU) personnel conducted a search warrant operation in Reseda. SPU personnel apprehended a tagger known as "Artek", who is suspected of causing approximately \$7,000 in damages to Metro Bus lines in the San Fernando Valley.

In late 2007, a Deputy, while at the Sylmar Juvenile Court, noticed slap tags with the name of Artek affixed on various fixtures in the restrooms. The Deputy, during follow-up interviews with the Court Personnel and LA County Probation Department, verified that the suspect appeared before the court on an unrelated graffiti matter in December 2007. As the Deputy continued on his investigation, he learned that the tagger also tagged the Dean's Office at Reseda High School pending a school hearing.

During the interview after his arrest, Artek admitted to the Deputy that he was responsible for the tagging at the Sylmar Juvenile Court as well as Metro Orange Line buses.

Next Week's Procurement Postings

RFP for the Information Technology Service Bench Project

We have released a Request for Proposals (RFP) this week for the Information Technology Service Bench project. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 13, 2008, to June 27, 2008.

Information Technology Services is seeking a bench of qualified contractors to provide the Information Technology Services.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must

be directed to and may only be answered by Mark Lu, senior contract administrator, at (213) 922-4689.

IFB to Procure Services for the Removal and Replacement of HVAC Systems at Divisions 8, 9, and 15

We will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure services for the removal and replacement of HVAC systems at Divisions 8, 9, and 15. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 11, 2008, through July 15, 2008.

A design/build Contractor will renovate six roof top heating and air condition (HVAC) units with new systems. The existing HVAC units are in very poor working condition, beyond repair and require replacement.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Roger Mays, contract administrator, at (213) 922-7215.

IFB for the Division 9 and 15 Bus Wash Blowers

We released an Invitation for Bids this week for the Division 9 and 15 Bus Wash Blowers. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from March 10, 2008, through July 3, 2008.

The work consists of providing Bus Wash Blowers (minimum eight total) to the existing Bus Washes at Division 9 and 15. The project is intended to add blowers to the Bus Washers at Division 9 and 15.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Mike Holguin, contract administrator, at (213) 922-7365.

Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events

Next week, I will be meeting individually with Directors Fasana, Najarian and Parks. I will also be participating in the Transportation Business Advisory Council Meeting, and the California Transportation Commission's State Transportation Improvement Program (Southern California) Hearing. Finally, I will be speaking at the Loyola Marymount University's Urban Lecture Series which is an inter-departmental educational curriculum and forum established by the Leavey Center.

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