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Board Chair Engages Public via Internet

Board Chair Pam O'Connor held her monthly Live Chat on metro.net today. The topic was the draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and a discussion of funding strategies but many other transit issues were discussed. We received 70 e-mail questions and Pam was able to answer 15 during the noon hour chat (transcripts posted at http://metro.net/news_info/chat_archive.htm.) The remaining questions will be answered and posted on metro.net during the next several weeks. The Board Chair will host a live cable television call in show on the LRTP and funding strategies Thursday, March 27, between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Santa Monica City TV and LA Channel 36.

Caltrain Workshop on Trespasser/Fatality Reduction

On April 1-2, 2008 Caltrain will host a workshop on Trespasser/Fatality Reduction and Effective Practices Process, which is jointly sponsored by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The workshop will take place at San Mateo County Transit District, 2nd floor auditorium, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California 94070.

The purpose of this workshop is to identify and share practices for mitigating trespasser fatalities on the nation's passenger rail systems. The intended outcome of this workshop is to produce a "toolbox" containing: (1) hazard identification and resolution methodologies used specifically to assess risks of trespasser fatalities; (2) effective methods for mitigating risks of trespasser fatalities; and (3) techniques for measuring the success of mitigation methods once they are implemented.

A number of unique programs/approaches have been identified. This workshop will provide an ideal opportunity to explore these programs and approaches and to identify opportunities to enhance safety in the commuter rail and rail transit

industries.

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