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Board Chair O'Connor's Live Television Show

Media Relations distributed a [news release](#) today noting that in an unprecedented move, Board Chair Pam O'Connor will take to the air waves on Thursday night, March 27th, to promote live public discussion of the mobility future for Los Angeles County and how to pay for traffic relief. O'Connor will take live calls from viewers between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on a public access cable television show broadcast live on both City of Los Angeles Channel 36 and CityTV Channel 16 in Santa Monica. During the broadcast, call-in numbers will be posted.

The show will have three segments: first, a focus on traffic in Los Angeles County and our draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) that proposes dozens of new highway and public transit projects to handle the county's projected population growth of 2.4 million more people by the year 2030. The second segment will address how to pay for traffic relief, and the third segment will look at traffic and the environment. Viewers are encouraged to ask Chair O'Connor about any of these issues and share their opinions.

The release notes that the show is being aired now because we are reaching out to the public to get feedback on its draft LRTP. Seven community meetings are scheduled to discuss the plan through April with the Board scheduled to consider adoption in June.

Blumenauer to Address Mobility 21 Coalition

Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), a leading pioneer of transit, smart growth and livable communities, will address the Mobility 21 Coalition next Tuesday, March 25. Blumenauer has embarked on an effort to launch a national infrastructure "movement" aimed at building a sense of urgency, developing broad community support for greatly expanded infrastructure investment and crafting a new vision for infrastructure. He will discuss his overall efforts and what lies ahead in Washington on the infrastructure policy front.

The event will take place this Tuesday, March 25 at 3:30 pm at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

June 2008 Bus Service Changes Update

The service changes proposed for June implementation are focused on expanding capacity of the bus system while at the same time reducing unproductive hours of service to help address the FY 2009 operating deficit. Specifically, the capacity of the system will increase with the implementation of additional high capacity buses on the Rapid network.

Other enhancements to the Rapid system include implementation of six new lines and increased service levels on three others. Given the projected FY 2009 operating deficit, reductions in unproductive services are also proposed for June to implement the enhanced Rapid services and to help address the budget deficit. Overall, it is anticipated that reallocation of unproductive service to more productive uses on the Rapid system will yield a net increase in ridership.

The original set of proposed service changes for June 2008 implementation included 18 lines to be cancelled and 23 partial reductions (time of day, day of week, or segment). While these lines were identified based on their performance, it was evident through the public hearing process that some of these services were very important to specific markets, despite their low productivity. We received over 1,000 comments on this original set of proposed service changes during the course of 6 public hearings. Based on these comments, sector staff revised the list of proposals.

The revised list of service changes that were approved by the sectors included only 6 out of the 18 lines originally proposed for discontinuation, and 14 partial reductions. The majority of street segments covered by the 6 line cancellations have alternative services, either duplicative services or another line within ½ mile.

The revised list of proposals addressed the majority of concerns, and as a result, only about 40 comments were received in total at the sector governance council

meetings held over the past two weeks. The relatively low level of comments is attributed to the excellent job each sector did in considering all of the public comments received, working with the riders impacted, and consulting with local jurisdictions and other transportation providers about alternatives. As a result, the revised set of service change recommendations balances customer concerns while still being responsive to the need to reduce service hours. Implementation of these changes that have already been validated through the public process avoids potential draconian service cuts that would be compounded when considering next year's budget.

Loyola Marymount University's Urban Lecture Series

Last night, I joined Dr. Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris, Department Chair and Professor of Urban Planning at UCLA, in a panel discussion during the Annual Urban Lecture Series at Loyola Marymount University (LMU). The panel, which was moderated by Fernando Guerra, Director of the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, discussed "Transportation in Los Angeles" and my presentation covered the various mobility tools and the different combinations of services that we employ to reduce traffic congestion in Los Angeles. I also spoke about our Draft 2008 Long Range Transportation Plan, the current issues we are dealing with, the major projects that we are undertaking, and the funding challenges that we are facing.

The panel was attended by 120 LMU students interested in the trends and conditions impacting Los Angeles and urban America.

Public Hearing Held on the Canoga Transportation Corridor DEIR

The Canoga Transportation Corridor project team held the first of two public hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on Wednesday, March 19, 2008. The Project is a four mile extension of the Metro Orange line from the Canoga Station to the Chatsworth Metrolink Station. More than 75 people attended the Open House and Public Hearing, representing businesses, neighborhood councils and residents in the area. A second public hearing, starting at 6:30 p.m., will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at Chatsworth High School. The 45-day comment period for the project ends April 16, 2008. The DEIR evaluates two build options, Canoga On-Street Dedicated bus lanes and a busway using the Canoga rail right-of-way, in addition to a "No Build" and TSM alternative. Overall, both written and verbal comments indicate significant support for the busway alternative.

GLAAACC's 15th Annual Economic Awards Dinner

Last night, the Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce (GLAAAC) held its 15th Annual Economic Awards Dinner at the Sheraton Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. The GLAAAC awards are presented to those individuals and organizations who contribute to the economic growth and development of the African American community by demonstrating dedication, commitment and purposeful conviction.

Linda Wright, our Deputy Executive Office for Diversity & Economic Opportunity was presented with the Community Service Award for her outstanding contribution to the African American small business community. Many state and local elected officials attended the event along with over 1,500 business professionals.

Media Inquiry into Metro Bus Service Changes

City News Service is preparing a story regarding recent actions taken by the governance councils regarding Metro Bus service changes and line cancellations. The reporter was given information on the actions taken at the sector meetings earlier this month. The reporter was told that all Tier 1 service will come back to the Board for approval later this Spring.

Next Week's Procurement Postings

IFB for Division 9 Bulk Storage Canopy Procurement

We have released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) this week for the Division 9 Bulk Storage Canopy procurement. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from March 15, 2008 through May 19, 2008.

The purpose of this project is to relocate the existing Bulk Storage to adjoin the north side of the maintenance building. The existing Bulk Storage Canopy will be converted to a body shop in a separate contract.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period shall be directed to and may only be answered by Larry Lyon, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7320.

RFP to procure Private Security Contractor Services

We will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure Private Security Contractor Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 25, 2008 through June 9, 2008.

The purpose of this procurement is to retain the services of a qualified firm to provide security services for selected portions of Metro's bus and rail transportation system, as well as our construction sites, operating divisions,

support facilities and other properties as required. Requirements may also include security services for special events and/or emergencies on an as-needed basis.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by, Robert Vasquez, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1044.

Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events

Next week, I will be meeting individually with Directors Antonovich, Burke, Fleming, Knabe, Villaraigosa, and Yaroslavsky. I will also speak at the 15th Annual Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair, which we are hosting together with the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

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