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Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Schedules Our 2008 Triennial Review in September 2008

The FTA has notified us that they have scheduled our 2008 Triennial Review during the week of September 8-10, 2008. The FTA's contractor who will be conducting the Review has already started their evaluation of our compliance with federal regulations and guidelines during years 2006, 2007, and 2008. Areas to be reviewed for compliance include Legal, Procurement, Maintenance, Finance, Planning, Civil Rights, Safety and Security, Drug and Alcohol, and Intelligent Technology Systems (ITS) among others. The FTA is required by statute under Title 49 to conduct the Review at least every three years and to evaluate our performance in executing its federally funded programs. The process includes a comprehensive review of our records, on-site interviews of staff and visits to various work locations, our contracting services vendors, and our sub-grantees. Key staff has been asked to be available during the week of September 8-10 to participate in the Review. Countywide Planning and Development staff will be coordinating the Review for affected departments and will assist in collecting required information and scheduling needed activities.

Application Deadline Extended to April 21, 2008 for Federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Programs

Countywide Planning and Development has extended the application deadline for the federal JARC and New Freedom programs from April 7, 2008 to April 21, 2008. The extension is needed to allow Access Services Inc. (ASI) more time to coordinate application efforts with other local sponsors. Federal funds are available to provide financial assistance to implement needed transportation

services that were identified in the Los Angeles County Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan that the Board adopted in January 2008. Eligible applicants include public agencies, operators of public transit services, not-for-profit agencies, and tribal governments. An estimated total of \$34 million is available under these programs (\$24 million for the JARC program and \$10 million for the New Freedom program). We expect to announce grant awards for funds from these programs during Summer 2008.

SCAG Regional Transit Summit

Last week, we hosted a TAP Exhibit at the SCAG Regional Transit Summit. Many attendees stopped by the exhibit and inquired about the overall program including the functionalities of the TAP card and TAP equipments, i.e., fare box, handheld validator and the compact point-of-sales machine. Staff provided several TAP device demonstrations and answered questions from interested participants. Attendees from other transit agencies such as Orange County, Riverside County and FlyAway Flyer expressed their interest in TAP and mentioned that they are looking forward to seeing the same program implemented in their regions. Additionally, we received some feedback and suggestions on how to make the TAP card more user friendly. Inquiries were also made on the status of the Metro rail gating project.

Reserve the Dates

Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair, Tuesday, March 25, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Los Angeles Convention Center, West Hall "B", 1201 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California

[Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair](#) (GLAVF) creates opportunities for contracting officers and businesses to meet face-to-face in one location. The GLAVF has become the largest local agency business opportunity outreach event in California, which attracts an average of 2,000 attendees each year.

Board Members who wish to attend can contact my office for more information so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Rep. Blumenauer Visit, Tuesday, March 25, 2008 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the LA Chamber of Commerce, 350 South Bixel Street, Los Angeles, California

A roundtable discussion with a visionary national leader, Congressman Earl Blumenauer, on the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead for a potentially brand new approach to designing and financing surface transportation programs.

[Live Call-in TV Show with Chair O'Connor, Thursday, March 27, 2008 from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., Los Angeles, California](#)

Chair O'Connor will take live calls from viewers 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.

[Pico Boulevard Corridor Enhancement \(Crenshaw to La Brea\) Ceremony, Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., Location to be determined](#)

A dedication ceremony for City of Los Angeles (Bureau of Street Services) project funded through the 2001 Call for Projects.

[Mobility 21 "Access Washington, D.C." Trip, Tuesday, April 15 through Friday, April 18, 2008, Washington, D.C.](#)

Over 200 Southern California business, community, and elected officials will travel to the nation's capital to participate in Access Washington, DC. The southland delegation will provide a united front in discussing a variety of issues with members of the House, Senate and the Executive Branch. The advocacy campaign will include ten advocacy teams addressing a wide area of topics, from transit and goods movement matters, to healthcare and housing issues. Access Washington, D.C. will begin with a welcoming reception on Tuesday, April 15th and will conclude with a delegation dinner on the evening of Thursday, April 17th.

Board members wishing to attend Access Washington, D.C. are encouraged to contact the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce at (213) 580-7568 or register online at www.lachamber.org.

[Visit by Members of the German Parliament, Friday, April 18, 2008 from 1:45 to 3:00 p.m. in the Malibu Conference Room, 25th Floor, Gateway Building, Los Angeles, California](#)

A six member delegation from the German Parliament is expected to visit us on Friday, April 18, 2008. They are interested in discussing toll roads, bus/rail service, and Bus Rapid Transit.

[Southern California Public Health Association Annual Conference, Friday, April 18, 2008 from 2:45 to 4:00 p.m., at the Marriott Hotel, Long Beach, California](#)

The conference, which has a theme of "Building Healthy Environments" is designed to educate multidisciplinary public health workers on current and emerging issues and assist in their professional development. The audience includes professionals and students. Approximately 300-400 people are

expected to attend this event.

Earth Day Lunchtime “Rock and Ride” Concert, Tuesday, April 22, 2008 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., at Union Station, South Patio, Los Angeles, California

On Tuesday, April 22, 2008, we will host an Earth Day promotional “Rock & Ride” event on the South Patio of Union Station with the environmentally hip rock group “Canon” between 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. The purpose of the event is to encourage people to celebrate Earth Day by “Going Metro” and to promote Earth Day at lunch time to a very hip and young audience.

OC/LA Intercounty Board Workshop, Wednesday, April 30, 2008 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., at the Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos, California

The OC/LA Intercounty Transportation Study Workshop will introduce the study to the elected officials along the study border and get their feedback on transportation issues and opportunities in the area.

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