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LA City Council PLUM Committee Hears South Park Wetlands and Division Two Billboard Permit

The Los Angeles City Council Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee on Tuesday approved recommendations that would allow for the development of a nine acre wetlands park at 5413 South Avalon Blvd., our current South Park facility. However, the committee voted in a one-to-one tie on establishing a Sign Supplemental Use District (SSUD) to permit the erection of two billboards on our Division Two bus facility property at San Pedro St. and 16th St. These two issues are linked together. We would agree to sell the South Park property to the City of LA in return for the City permitting the two billboards for the use of Clear Channel Outdoor (CCO). This grant would settle CCO's lawsuit seeking damages for the removal of 14 billboards in the median of Santa Monica Blvd. in West Los Angeles. The SSUD item, which requires a 2/3 vote of the City Council, is scheduled to be heard during the April 8th Council meeting.

Draft 2008 LRTP Presented to General Assembly Meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Council

Heather Hills, Director of Countywide Planning and Development, briefed the general assembly of the Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC) on the highlights of the Draft 2008 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) during their March meeting. Staff talked about the challenge of looking ahead through 2030 to plan, design and build major transit projects. Staff also encouraged the CAC to provide community feedback regarding the plan and its recommended projects. At the same meeting Jackie Bacharach, Executive Director of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, provided insights into the future of transportation in Los

Angeles and her perspective on the status of securing funding for transit programs that would benefit the region.

South Bay Civic Leaders Tour One Gateway Plaza

South Bay civic leaders toured our Headquarters on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 as part of Supervisor Don Knabe's "Day At The County" program. The 36 visitors from the Torrance Leadership Class of 2008 visited the East Portal of Union Station, viewed Metro Rail Art and rode the Metro Red Line subway. The visitors also received a highlight briefing on the Draft 2008 Long Range Transportation Plan from Government Relations. During their visit, the community members asked questions on the public art program, rail ridership and fare structure. Several of the Torrance residents complimented the agency on the cleanliness, accessibility and speed of the subway.

Media Inquiry into Proposed June Bus Service Changes

Several media outlets, including City News, Daily News and La Opinion, covered today's Board meeting on the proposed bus service changes scheduled for June. Stories are expected to run tomorrow.

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