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Media Inquiry Regarding Assembly Bill 2558

This morning, The Los Angeles Times ran a [story](#) about the Board's action to support Assemblymember Mike Feuer's Bill (AB 2558) that provides us with the authority to place a Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Fee initiative on the ballot. While the action indicates Board support for the concept, no specific proposal is on the table for this year's ballot. KNBC and KFI radio inquired today regarding the issue and Media Relations staff reported that we are trying to create as many funding options as possible to create local funds for new public transit and congestion mitigation projects and programs. We have established a Sustainability Committee to evaluate ways in which we can address carbon reductions. Due to funding shortfalls at the state and federal levels, we are working on a number of fronts to evaluate all available options if we are going to build any new projects in the future. Stories ran this morning and are expected to air tonight.

Eastside Transit Corridor Study Public Meetings

Media Relations has distributed a [news release](#) noting that we will be conducting four public meetings to update the community on the agency's Eastside Transit Corridor Study Phase 2. The study, which evaluates ways to improve mobility in the corridor by connecting the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension (under construction) to cities further east of Los Angeles, will be held at the following locations:

Wednesday, April 9
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Uptown Senior Center

13225 Walnut Street
Whittier, CA

Saturday, April 12

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

South El Monte Senior Center/Dining Room

1556 Central Avenue
South El Monte, CA

Monday, April 14

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Senior Center at City Park

115 South Taylor Avenue
Montebello, CA

Thursday, April 17

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

North Park Middle School/Cafeteria

4450 Durfee Avenue
Pico Rivera, CA

The release notes that The Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 study area includes the cities of Montebello, Pico Rivera, Monterey Park, Industry, Downey, Whittier, Commerce, Rosemead, South El Monte, El Monte, South San Gabriel, Santa Fe Springs, Bell, as well as areas of Los Angeles County. Our presentation will include a review of a set of transit alternatives developed based on community feedback and extensive field evaluations of the corridor. The public will be updated on the details of potential alignments, transit modes, configurations as well as the screening criteria used to evaluate all possible alternatives.

Caltrans' Ribbon-cutting Ceremony for the Grand Opening of the I-5 HOV Lanes

On Friday, April 4, 2008 at 2:30 p.m., Caltrans will be holding a Ribbon-cutting Ceremony for the Grand Opening of the I-5 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes. This event will celebrate the completion of 6.2 miles of new HOV or carpool lanes on the Golden State Freeway (I-5) from the Simi Valley Freeway (SR-118) to the Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14). The event will take place at the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office, 13800 Balboa Boulevard Sylmar, Ca 91342 (Corner of Foothill & Balboa Boulevards Overlooking I-5 Freeway).

The HOV lanes will improve mobility, help to alleviate congestion, encourage carpooling and contribute to improved air quality and provide a connection to

existing HOV lanes on SR-14. This segment will also start the formation of an HOV system for north-south travel between North County and the San Fernando Valley. The total cost of the project is \$88.9 million of which we provided \$81.4 million in local sales tax, LA County federal funds, and GARVEE bonds.

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Sylmar, Ca 91342

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

Of Note:

Today, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority observes 15 years since the merger between the Southern California Rapid Transit District and the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission. The year 2008 marks the 50th anniversary of public governance and public ownership of the transit system in Los Angeles County, and also the 135th year since the first public transit franchise was granted by the City of Los Angeles.

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