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Media Inquiry about Public Private Partnerships

This weekend, The Pasadena Star News may publish an article about the potential for public-private partnerships to build transportation projects in the county. Staff told a reporter that the evaluation is in the very early stages. A report will be given to the Board in June by the Planning & Programming Committee as the Board considers options and works with staff in possibly developing a policy. The reporter focused on the 710 gap closure and said he had heard we had been approached by private entities interested in building a tunnel. Staff said that the project is not fully defined at this point and that private developers have not come forward with specific investment or funding proposals. Staff has, however, had conversations with financial firms who indicated the project would likely generate private sector interest once it is further refined.

I-5 HOV Lanes Ribbon-Cutting

Today, Board Chair Pam O'Connor and Directors Antonovich and Najarian joined other local elected officials and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) at its ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the first High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on Interstate-Five (I-5) in Sylmar. The project has added 6.2 miles of HOV lanes to northbound and southbound I-5 from the Simi Valley Freeway (SR-118) to the Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14).

This HOV project is the first carpool lane project on I-5 in Los Angeles County. Nearly 357,000 commuters use the I-5/14 interchange every day. The new lanes will save carpoolers about one minute per mile or up to one hour a week

for daily commuters -- and help to relieve congestion, improve mobility and enhance safety. They will also improve the movement of goods and services throughout this major I-5 corridor, which many consider the "backbone" of the California Highway System. It is a vital link between Northern and Southern California.

We contributed more than \$89 million in local, federal and bond revenues to the project. We also plan to invest \$4.6 billion by 2030 to close gaps in the carpool system, improve congested freeway interchanges, build carpool lane connectors and manage freeway incidents.

Various media, including Channels 7 and 11, attended the event. Stories are expected to run tonight and tomorrow.

Two Construction Notices: Expo Light Rail Alignment

K-Rail Installation

This construction notice is regarding the installation of K-Rail from Vermont Avenue to 7th Avenue in the Mid-Corridor segment of the Expo Light Rail alignment.

When: Beginning the week of April 7, Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 day work only.

Where: Vermont Avenue to 7th Avenue

What: K-Rail installation along the Exposition right-of-way

To view the complete announcement, please [click here](#).

Full Street Closure

This construction notice is regarding the temporary closure of Flower Street, from Jefferson Boulevard to Exposition Boulevard, and Exposition Boulevard, from Flower Street to Figueroa Street. The closure is taking place in order to complete concrete girder installation in the downtown corridor of the Expo Light Rail alignment.

When: Friday, May 2, 2008 at 11:00 p.m. through Monday, May 5, 2008 at 6:00 a.m.

Where: Construction crews will be working on Flower Street, from Jefferson Boulevard to Exposition Boulevard, and on Exposition Boulevard, from Flower Street to Figueroa Street.

What: Workers will be installing concrete girders in support of trench

construction. During this construction activity, Flower Street will be temporarily closed to through traffic from Jefferson Boulevard to Exposition Boulevard. Exposition Boulevard will also be temporarily closed from Flower Street to Figueroa Street.

To view the complete announcement, please [click here](#).

Next Week's Procurement Postings

Invitation for Bids (IFB) to Procure Bus Glazing

We will release an IFB next week to procure Bus Glazing. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 9, 2008, to September 30, 2008.

This product will support the bus operation facilities.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at (213) 922-1018.

Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events

I will continue to be out of the office through Friday, April 11, 2008. I will be returning to the office on Monday, April 14, 2008.

During my absence, Roger Moliere - Chief, Real Property Management and Development, will act on my behalf with full signature authority. He can be reached at (213) 922-2225.

If you need to reach someone from my office, please call (213) 922-6888.

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