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### **U.S. Senate Turns Attention to SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Bill**

Today, in a meeting with transportation advocates on Capitol Hill, Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) indicated that early next week, the U.S. Senate intends to take up a motion to proceed to consideration of the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections bill. Provided the measure is cleared for consideration by the full Senate, the long-stalled bill will finally be brought up next week. The corrections bill is the vehicle for local match language for the Exposition and Foothill Light Rail Projects. In addition, the legislation formally authorizes the Metro Rapid System Gap Closure Project, which received \$16.3 million in last year's appropriations bill and was recommended in the President's FY09 budget for \$300,000. We will keep you informed of any new developments on the legislation.

### **LA City Council Transportation Committee Actions**

Yesterday, the Los Angeles City Council Transportation Committee approved the funding agreement between the City and us for the Exposition Light Rail Project under which the City will contribute \$35 million for Phase 1 for four years starting this year. The full Council is expected to vote on the agreement next Wednesday. We are grateful to the City for its support of the Expo Light Rail project.

The committee also approved comments to our draft Congestion Mitigation Fee Feasibility Study. This draft study was sent to local jurisdictions in January and comments are due to us by April 25th. The City's comments were generally supportive of our study to potentially implement a countywide congestion mitigation fee. At the meeting, the LA Department of Transportation staff discussed the distinction between congestion mitigation and congestion reduction/pricing. The full Council is expected to vote on the City's comments

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next Tuesday.

### **German Parliament Visit**

A six member delegation of the German Parliament is scheduled to visit Gateway Headquarters for a briefing on toll roads, bus and rail service and Bus Rapid Transit. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 18, 2008 from 1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will take place in the Malibu Conference room on the 25th floor.

As part of their trip to the U.S., the delegation will also visit transportation agencies in San Francisco, Sacramento and Las Vegas to discuss similar topics.

Board members who wish to attend, please contact my office so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

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