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**Los Angeles City Council Approves Second Consideration of South Park Wetlands & Division 2 Billboard Ordinances**

Today, the Los Angeles City Council approved the second consideration of ordinances that would allow for the development of a nine-acre wetlands park at our current South Park facility. In addition, it would also establish a Sign Supplemental Use District (SSUD) to permit the erection of two billboards on our Division 2 bus facility property at San Pedro and 16th Streets. The Council had initially approved this item two weeks ago, but since the ordinance vote was not unanimous, a second Council vote requiring ten aye votes was scheduled for today.

This approval facilitates the sale of our South Park property to the City, enabling the settlement of the Clear Channel Outdoor (CCO) lawsuit against us which sought damages for the removal of 14 of CCO's billboards to make way for the City's Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway Project, while also providing additional funding for the South Park sale.

**Hollywood Walk of Fame**

The Daily News is preparing a story to run this week regarding the Hollywood Walk of Fame and problems that have occurred with the sidewalk cracking in various places. The story is prompted by a motion that is before the Board by Director Yaroslavsky that would direct us to take a leadership role and initiate discussions with all parties and to develop a funding agreement with the City of LA, us and other affected parties to repair and replace the remainder of the Hollywood Walk of Fame, subject to Board approval. The reporter was provided background information pertaining to our involvement in testing that was done last year with the City of LA to try and come up

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with a solution. The reporter was told that the City of LA has completed a damage assessment report which states that the cause of damage is due to thermal expansion and inadequate design and installation of the original terrazzo sidewalk system.

### **Parking Restrictions Along Exposition Boulevard**

Street parking on Exposition Boulevard will be limited as a result of the construction of the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project. In some areas, street parking on Exposition Blvd. will be completely removed. Signs will be posted notifying people of parking restrictions which will be enforced by the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation Parking Enforcement. In addition, the ongoing placement of K-Rail from Vermont Avenue to 7th Avenue will also restrict parking opportunities along Exposition Blvd.

### **Earth Day Noon Time Concert**

Earlier today, channels 7, 22/52 and La Opinion covered our special Earth Day lunch time concert at Union Station. Chair Pam O'Connor participated in the event and those in attendance enjoyed the performance of Mexican singer Carina Ricco and her band. The audience, made up of our riders, welcomed the singer and also had the opportunity to receive information on our programs and services with staff encouraging them to continue taking public transit and reduce their carbon footprints. Stories will run tonight and tomorrow.

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