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House Passes Highway Corrections Bill

Today, the U.S. House overwhelmingly approved (358 to 51) a SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections bill (H.R. 1195). The legislation, which was passed earlier this month by the U.S. Senate, includes local match language for the Expo and Foothill Light Rail Projects, and it also authorizes the Metro Rapid System Gap Closure Project. Like the Senate measure, the bill includes language requiring the Department of Justice to investigate a controversial earmark in Florida to learn whether a violation of Federal law has occurred. According to press reports, while the White House has issued a statement of "strong opposition" to this version of H.R. 1195, the statement stopped short of promising a Presidential veto.

This afternoon, the San Gabriel Tribune inquired whether the bill's language pertaining to the Foothill Light Rail project would change the project's status as an unfunded element in our Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Staff reported that the language speaks more to the Federal Transit Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation's funding process than it does the agency's LRTP and local decision making process. Ultimately, the Board will decide funded and unfunded projects within the LRTP. The story is expected to run tomorrow.

Metro Bus Detours for May 1st

This morning, Media Relations issued a [news advisory](#) noting Metro Bus service detours expected during tomorrow's Immigration and Labor march and rally planned for downtown Los Angeles. The advisory noted detours of Metro Bus Lines that operate along Broadway. It also notes that all Metro Rail Lines will be operating on normal schedules. The advisory is also posted on Metro's Web page. [Click here](#) for a full list of detours.

Commercial Fire At Hollywood & Vine Impacts Metro Bus Service

As a result of a fire this morning at a commercial building on the northwest corner of Hollywood and Vine, we detoured several bus lines off of Hollywood Boulevard and onto Sunset Blvd. to avoid the area. Metro Red Line service was not impacted and ran normal schedules. Media Relations received numerous media calls regarding our service in the area.

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