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**SB 1722 (Oropeza) Held in Suspense File**

Yesterday, the State Senate Appropriations Committee held in suspense file SB 1722 (Oropeza) that would establish a Green Line Construction Authority to build an extension to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). We do not expect the measure to move forward in this legislative session.

On May 21, 2008, the Los Angeles City Council adopted a resolution to support SB 1722, if amended. The City's support is contingent on the Green Line extension not delaying other projects listed on our Long Range Transportation Plan. The resolution also states that the Green Line extension should be encouraged to compete for funds not available to the Crenshaw-Prairie Corridor, Expo Line Phase II and the Orange Line extensions in the San Fernando Valley.

In a related matter, the City's Trade, Commerce and Tourism Committee approved a Councilmember Rosendahl and Hahn motion requesting the Department of Airports (LAWA) include in their LAX Specific Plan Update EIR a two mile LAX Green Line Extension. The motion directed that analysis include two stations at Aviation and Century and at 98th Street each providing direct access to the LAX Automated People Mover system and that LAWA staff work with us on interface at a 98th Street Station. LAWA staff was supportive of the motion and also indicated they have had discussions with us.

**Major Milestones for Eastside Gold Line Extension**

Media Relations issued a [news release](#) this morning noting that construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension (MGLEE) light rail project is more than 80

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percent complete. The release also notes that in addition, other milestones have been reached including the unprecedented construction safety record of more than 3 million work-hours without an accident that requires a single day away from work. The project also is on budget and scheduled to open on time in mid-2009.

LAist.com and LA Times requested information and pictures of the MGLLE construction. LAist.com posted a story this morning on their web site using several of the underground and street level pictures. A City News Service reporter interviewed Metro's Rail Safety Inspector regarding the more than 3 million work hours achievement and staff put into perspective the milestone reached during the construction of the MGLLE as one of the most successful in the construction industry. Stories may run today and tomorrow.

### **Media Inquiry Regarding the Mariachis Story**

Univision morning news magazine show Despierta America, working on a Mariachis story for the Memorial Day weekend requested a statement regarding mitigation efforts during the 25 days of full street closure at First Street and Boyle Avenue. Staff explained that we printed notices of the temporary Mariachi relocation due to the construction work in and around Mariachi Plaza in five different publications such as Downtown News, La Opinion, El Sereno View, Eastern Group Publications, and Hoy. In addition, a tent and a portable potty were available for the Mariachis personal use and banners were posted around the location to make them visible to Mariachis customers. Also, postcards were distributed between the local merchants to inform the public that they were open and with access to their business. We are also working on a Mariachi directory soon to be published for the benefit of the Mariachis. A story will run this weekend.

### **Next Week's Procurement Postings**

#### RFP to Procure Architectural and Engineering Consultant Services for the Design of the Union Division

We will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure Architectural and Engineering consultant services for the Design of the Union Division.

The consultant will perform design and construction support services for our proposed new Union Division Bus Maintenance & Operations Facility in Downtown Los Angeles. The facility is needed in order to provide increased capacity for the maintenance, staging, and fueling of the current bus fleet.

The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from May 29 through July 31, 2008. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ed Velasquez. Contract

Administrator, at (213) 922-7315.

#### IFB to Procure Armored Vault Vans

We will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure six Armored Vault Vans. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from May 27 through August 11, 2008.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Amy Ly, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-2632.

#### IFB to Procure Full Size 12-Passenger Vans

We will release an Invitation for Bids next week to procure 19 Full Size 12-Passenger Vans. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from May 27 through August 11, 2008.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Amy Ly, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-2632.

#### IFB to Procure Midsize Utility Hybrid Vehicles

We will release an Invitation for Bids next week to procure 31 Midsize Utility Hybrid Vehicles. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from May 27 through August 11, 2008.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Amy Ly, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-2632.

#### RFIQ to Procure Pro-Series Cargo Vans

We will release a Request for Interest and Qualifications (RFIQ) next week seeking to procure 62 Pro-Series Cargo Vans. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from May 27 to September 1, 2008.

The purpose of this procurement is to purchase 62 Cargo Vans for use in supporting the agency's operations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Diane Ly, Assistant Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1102.

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## Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events

Next week, I will be meeting with Director Failing and Stephen Finnegan, Manager of Government Affairs and Public Policy of the Automobile Club of Southern California, regarding Congestion Pricing. I will also be meeting with Bernard Melekian, Pasadena City Manager. In addition, I will be joining Chair O'Connor in the Sustainability Summit that we are hosting and sponsoring. Finally, I will be participating in the FTA New Starts Projects Quarterly Meeting, and the Annual TBAC Networking Reception and Membership Drive.

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