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LA City Council Transportation Committee Approves Congestion Pricing Motion on I-110

Yesterday, the Los Angeles City Council Transportation Committee approved a motion introduced by Councilmember Wendy Greuel and Council President Eric Garcetti supporting efforts to replace the I-210 with the I-110 as a congestion pricing demonstration project. While Councilmember Tom LaBonge voted for the motion, he also expressed his continued opposition to congestion pricing on Los Angeles freeways. The full City Council is expected to consider this motion within the next two weeks.

City of Redondo Beach Groundbreaking Event

On July 22, 2008, Planning staff joined City of Redondo Beach elected officials and others for a groundbreaking ceremony for Phase 2 of the City of Redondo Beach's Pacific Coast Highway/Catalina Avenue Intersection Improvements project. This project, which was awarded \$1.047 million through the 2001 Call for Projects, is being constructed in phases. Phase I reconfigured the Pacific Coast Highway/Herondo Street intersection to provide additional capacity onto Catalina Avenue. Phase 2, for which the groundbreaking event was held, will construct the remainder of the project including landscape, hardscape and lighting. The project is expected to be completed later this year.

Media Coverage of Today's Board Meeting

Numerous media outlets attended today's Board meeting. Reporters were interested in Board actions pertaining to the approval of the half-cent sales tax for the November ballot, the discussion on congestion pricing, and the funding for the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension. Prior to the start of the Board meeting, Mayor Villaraigosa held a news briefing to outline his endorsement of the half-cent sales tax proposal; he also briefed reporters following Board action. Following the Board meeting, Media Relations issued a [news release](#) about the Board's action on the sales tax initiative. Media attending today's board meeting included the Los Angeles Times, Daily News, City News Service, La Opinion, the Korea Times, Pasadena Star News, Sing Tao Newspaper, Ch. 2/9, 4, 7, 11/13, 35 KFWB, KNX and Metro Networks. Stories are expected to run tonight and tomorrow.

Expo Light Rail Line – Supplemental Construction Notice

Intermittent nighttime closures along the West End alignment of the Expo Light Rail Line started on July 22, 2008 and will continue through August 31, 2008. Specifically the right-turn lane on eastbound National/Jefferson Boulevard will be intermittently closed in the evenings (8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) as a part of the demolition and construction of the Ballona Creek Bridge. Additional information can be found in the attached [supplemental construction notice](#).

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