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Metro Schedules 3 Community Meetings on Expo Project

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(Oct. 28, 2005) Metro will hold three community meetings in November to receive public comment on the recently released Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report (FEIS/FEIR) on the proposed Exposition Light Rail Transit Project, currently in a 45-day public circulation period.

The Exposition Line, which would operate from downtown Los Angeles to Venice/Robertson Boulevards in Culver City, will be built with local funding instead of federal funding, thus keeping the project on an accelerated schedule for a June 2010 completion. Cost of the project is \$640 million.

The community meetings will be held on:

- Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 5 - 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City.
- Thursday, Nov. 3, from 5 - 8 p.m. at West Los Angeles Church - Crystal Room, North Campus, 3045 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles.
- Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Exposition Park Muses Room in the Wallis Annenberg Building, 700 State Drive, Los Angeles.

Next steps following the public review period will include certification of the FEIS/FEIR by the Board in early December and the issuance after the Board action of a Record of Decision (ROD) for the project by the Federal Transit Administration.

FTA environmental clearance is needed to enable the Exposition Construction Authority to award a contract for design and construction of the project, beginning in early 2006.