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## Board OKs Proposed Development, Hybrid Cars, CCTV and Rebuild of Eastside School

(May 11, 2006) A proposed development in Boyle Heights, the purchase of hybrid sedans and closed-circuit TV systems, and an agreement to build an East LA high school were among the items approved by the Board at its May 3 meeting.

**Item 7, Boyle Heights Development.** The development in Boyle Heights will consist of 90 to 100 for-rent housing units located above 40,000 to 50,000 square feet of ground floor retail or entertainment space, a public plaza area, and parking spaces.

The Board approved a motion giving the CEO authority to enter into a Joint Development Agreement with the developer, Cesar Chavez and Soto, LLC.

The proposed development site, located in a two-block section of Cesar Chavez Avenue between Soto and Fickett streets, currently is being used for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension construction office.

The proposed development will be located about two blocks north of the Metro Gold Line station at 1st and Soto.

**Item 22, Hybrid Sedans.** The Board authorized the purchase of 40 hybrid sedans on the open market. Earlier bids received were rejected when it was found that the cars could be purchased at a lower price on the open market.

The motion authorizes the CEO to award a fixed-price contract to firms offering the best combination of price and delivery schedule. The total cost of the 40-vehicle purchase must not exceed \$1.08 million.

**Item 33, Closed-Circuit TV.** The Board approved a motion to provide closed-circuit TV systems for additional security at divisions 2, 3, 8, 10, 18 and at the Regional Rebuild Center.

The CCTV systems will be added to an existing \$297,785 security contract that would be increased by a not-to-exceed amount of \$390,000 to a new total of \$687,785.

**Item 43, Rebuild LAUSD School.** The Board approved a motion to provide funding to rebuild LAUSD's Ramona Opportunity High School in East Los Angeles. The school property is adjacent to the Indiana Street site of a Metro Gold Line station planned for the Eastside Extension.

The Board's action provides \$20 million Metro originally committed to the school project. LAUSD will contribute \$4 million to the project. Metro also will provide 20 percent (not to exceed \$1 million) to match LAUSD's Joint Use Funds. Any costs above \$25 million will be shared equally between Metro and LAUSD. Metro's costs will be capped at \$26

million.

CEO Roger Snoble also was authorized to seek additional federal, state or local funds that the rebuilding project might be eligible for to help offset Metro’s cost commitment.

The motion included a number of contingencies, including reaching a property exchange agreement within 60 days; rebuilding the school according to an earlier approved plan; and issuing a Notice to Proceed within four months after Metro has cleared the site for construction.