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Metro’s Dennis Mori points out important aspects of rail tunneling and construction to the Beverly Hills Mass Transit Committee during their recent tour of the Eastside Extension excavation. (Photo by Ned Racine)

**Beverly Hills Mass Transit Committee Tours Eastside Construction**

By JODY LITVAK

(Oct. 13, 2006) Members of the Beverly Hills Mass Transit Committee toured the Gold Line Eastside Extension tunnel excavation, recently, and were briefed on rail security by the Metro Community Relations staff.

It was the second “field trip” for the committee, which has been charged with advising the Beverly Hills City Council about proposed alignments and station locations for any future extension of the subway through their city.

During the tour, Dennis Mori, Metro executive officer of Project Management and project director for the Eastside Extension, discussed tunneling, tunnel construction, station construction and other aspects of rail construction.



Beverly Hills committee members examine Eastside Extension tunnel

He pointed out similarities and differences between light rail construction and what might be expected for heavy rail construction.

segments. From left are City Planning Commissioner Shahram Melamed, Committee Co-Chair and former Mayor Allan Alexander, and committee member Hannah Kopeikin.

**Discussed security**

Following the construction site tour, Paul Lennon, Director of Intelligence and Emergency Preparedness, and Capt. Pat Jordan of the Sheriff's Transit Services Bureau discussed current and planned security features of the rail system, policing and law enforcement practices for rail, and other aspects of security.

The Beverly Hills group also included members of the city's transportation department, representatives from the police and fire departments, a city planning commissioner, and the city's representative on the Westside/Central Governance Council.

Since starting work in late spring, the committee's work has covered topics that include Beverly Hills travel patterns and transit ridership, evaluation of potential station sites, land use issues, environmental planning and approval processes for a subway, history and funding.

The committee plans to present its recommendations to the City Council before the end of the year.

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