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## Eastside Developments, Wilshire Express Bus Service on Committee Agendas

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(Nov. 9, 2006) Two transit-oriented developments for the Eastside, a proposed new express bus service for Wilshire Boulevard and a massive program to refurbish the seats in 2,200 Metro buses are among items on Board committee agendas this month.

The November Board meeting will be delayed by the Thanksgiving holiday and will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7.

### November Board Committee Meetings

#### Wednesday, Nov. 15

Planning and Programming, 1 p.m.  
Finance and Budget, 2:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, Nov. 16

Executive Management and Audit, 9 a.m.  
Operations, 12 p.m.  
Construction: Cancelled

#### Thursday, Dec. 7

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the November Board Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 7.

**Item 11, 1st and Boyle Development.** The Planning and Programming Committee will consider a motion authorizing the CEO to begin negotiations with a company that plans to build a mixed-use development at the Metro Gold Line Boyle Heights/Mariachi Plaza station.

JSM Construction, Inc., is proposing to build on three parcels a community-oriented center with more than 100,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, a food market, underground and surface parking and community rooms, 35,000 square feet of medical office space, and more than 100 housing units.

**Item 12, 1st and Soto Development.** The Planning and Programming Committee will consider a motion authorizing the CEO to begin negotiations with a developer who plans a community-oriented retail center on two parcels at the Metro Gold Line station at 1st and Soto in East LA.

The developer, 1st and Soto LLC, is planning to build 14,500 square feet of retail space, 11,500 square feet of office space, 41 apartments, a community room, 85 underground parking spaces, a conference room and a preschool/childcare facility.

**Item 28, Wilshire Rapid Express Service.** Metro's heaviest traveled bus corridor – Wilshire Boulevard – would see even faster bus service, according to a plan to be presented to the Executive Management and Audit Committee.

Called the Wilshire Rapid Express Service, the proposed new peak period bus line would pick up passengers at Wilshire/Vermont and Wilshire/Western and make only four other stops heading west to Santa Monica. The Rapid Express would be in service in both directions from 6 to 10 a.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m. Planners expect a 20 percent savings in travel time over the existing Metro Rapid service.

The Operations Service Planning staff is recommending that Rapid Express service begin in June 2007. It would operate on 5- to 10-minute headways with stops at Wilshire/Vermont, Wilshire/Western, Fairfax Avenue, Beverly Drive in Beverly Hills, Westwood Boulevard and 4th Street in Santa Monica.

**Item 36, Bus Seat Upholstery.** The Operations Committee will consider a motion authorizing the CEO to award a five-year, \$4.9 million contract to reupholster the seats on Metro's 2,200 buses.

In the first two years, Molina Gaskets would refurbish 195,760 seats. Over the next three years, the contract calls for reupholstering 97,880 seats per year. In all, the plan calls for refurbishing a total of 489,400 seats over the five-year period.

According to a report to the Board, "Wear and tear on the bus seat components as well as acts of vandalism necessitates an ongoing effort...to provide safe and clean interiors for the riding public."