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Funding, Joint Development Among Items on Committee Agendas for July

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(July 17, 2007) Metro Board committees meet this week to take up some 40 items prior to the monthly Board meeting scheduled July 26.

Among items on committee agendas are funding issues, a proposed joint development on Wilshire and a Homeland Security grant to improve bus and rail security.

Items 9 and 14, Transit Fund Allocations. The Planning and Programming and Finance and Budget committees will consider approval of \$1.26 billion in FY 2008 Transit Fund Allocations for use by a number of cities and transit operators in LA County, as well as for Metro operations.

The funding comes from the state's Transportation Development Act, Proposition A and C, and from the Federal Transit Act Urban Formula capital funds.

Item 11, 2007 Call for Projects Funding. The Planning and Programming Committee will consider a multi-part motion that ensures some \$619 million in funding for previous Call for Projects commitments for various locally sponsored arterial, signal, bikeway, pedestrian, transportation demand management and transportation enhancement projects throughout LA County. In addition, the committee will consider a \$13 million funding commitment for the I-405 northbound HOV lane to fill a funding gap in the project.

Item 12, Wilshire Development. Metro and the United Commercial Food Workers Union (UFCW) own side-by-side properties across from the Wilshire/Vermont Metro Rail station. The Planning and Programming Committee will consider a motion authorizing the CEO to negotiate with the UFCW to jointly develop the 2.11-acre site.

Located at the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Shatto Place, the two properties would be jointly offered to prospective developers. Metro's 1.09 acres currently are used for bus parking and as a layover zone. The UFCW's office building and another building, along with employee parking lots, currently occupy the union's 1.02 acres.

July Committee Meetings

Wednesday, July 18

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

Thursday, July 19

9 a.m. – Executive Management and Audit

10:30 a.m. – Construction

12 noon – Operations

Thursday, July 26

9:30 a.m. – Full Board Meeting

Item 21, Homeland Security Grant. The California Office of Homeland Security recently awarded a \$3.14 million grant to Metro for transit security. The Executive Management and Audit Committee will consider adding the grant funding to Metro's FY 2008 budget.

The grant will help upgrade bus and rail security by providing additional protection of subway tunnels and tracks from IEDs (improvised explosive devices); extra perimeter security at bus divisions and facilities; and development of enhanced training and awareness among area transit systems.