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Anti-Terrorism Exercise Set Saturday at North Hollywood Station

(Sept. 12, 2007) An anti-terrorism exercise is planned Saturday morning, Sept. 15, at the North Hollywood Station. The exercise will begin at 7 a.m. and last until 10 a.m.

Metro, along with the Transit Services Bureau, the LAPD and the LA Fire Department, will conduct simultaneous drills involving simulated explosions on a Metro bus followed by a mock chemical attack on a Metro Red Line train in the North Hollywood Station.

Metro Seeks Bids to Replace Soundwall at Division 7

(Sept. 12, 2007) Metro is seeking bids from contractors interested in a construction project to erect a new soundwall at West Hollywood Division 7.

The successful bidder will replace the existing 12-foot high sound wall with a 16-foot high sound wall in order to reduce bus noise, which intrudes into the residential areas along Huntley Drive located on the east side of Division 7.

The existing sound wall and extension wall panel will be demolished and removed. The new sound wall will be constructed along the line of the existing sound wall using pre-cast concrete panels.

Federal Transit Administration Schedules 'Listening Session'

(Sept. 12, 2007) The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will hold a "listening session" in the Metro Board Room from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Thursday.

The purpose of the session is to obtain public comment on an FTA-proposed rule for major capital investment projects. The proposed rule would revise evaluation criteria for New Starts and Small Starts candidate projects.

Under current regulations, New Starts projects are judged on a wide range of criteria, including mobility improvements, environmental benefits, operating efficiencies, cost effectiveness, land use and other

factors.

Under the proposed rule, the criteria for project justification will be grouped into two broad categories, effectiveness and cost effectiveness, with specific measures contained within each category.

Metro Hosts People’s Republic of China Delegation

(Sept. 12, 2007) Metro hosted a 28-member delegation, Tuesday, from the People’s Republic of China National Audit Office.

The group included senior audit officials from some of China’s largest provinces, major industries and government departments. The delegation is visiting the United States to learn how American auditors handle public works audits.

Members of the Metro staff, led by Director of Audit Beni Warshawsky, briefed the international delegation on several audit areas and provided a detailed overview of audit process techniques. After the briefing, the group toured Metro Rail facilities.