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Metro Looks to Future with Release of Draft 2008 Long Range Transportation Plan

• Seven Community Meetings Planned in March and April

(March 18, 2008) Metro wants to hear your thoughts on Los Angeles County's transportation future and the Draft 2008 Long Range Transportation Plan that suggests a path to that future.



Check it out: metro.net

Metro released the draft on March 12, beginning a 45-day public review period which includes seven community meetings in March and April. The plan offers a 25-year blueprint for transportation planning in Los Angeles County through the Year 2030.

"This draft plan is both a vision and a call to action," said Metro CEO Roger Snoble.

The draft plan charts what transportation improvements are necessary to keep Los Angeles County moving to the year 2030 and once adopted

by Metro's Board of Directors later this year, will establish priorities for funding a balanced transportation system.

The plan addresses transportation needs throughout the County, such as closing gaps in the freeway carpool lane network, expanding Metro Rail and bus service, improving major street capacity and speeds, bicycle and pedestrian improvements and rideshare opportunities.

The draft 2008 Long Range Transportation Plan would further those gains but Snoble noted that funding for most of the new highway and public transportation projects is lacking.

"With Sacramento and Washington caught in a budget squeeze, we have to come up with new revenue on the local level if we are to implement this critical plan," Snoble said.

Metro employees can request copies of the draft plan and request additional information by calling the Long Range Transportation Plan Hotline at (213) 922-2833 or visit www.metro.net/longrangeplan. Copies also are available in the Records Management office on the plaza level; that office is open on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the community meetings, you can e-mail your comments to metroplan@metro.net or send your written comments to Countywide Planning & Development, One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 99-23-2, Los Angeles, CA, 90012, Attn: Robert Cálix. All comments need to be postmarked and submitted by April 25.

Following the public comment period, the Metro Board will consider

adoption of the Long Range Transportation Plan in June.

The following community meetings will be held during the 45-day public review period:

- March 26, 2008: 6:30 p.m., Westside Cities, Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Bl., West Hollywood, CA 90046
- March 27, 2008: 6:30 p.m. Central Los Angeles, Metro Headquarters, One Gateway Plaza, Board Room – 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- April 3, 2008: 6 p.m., South Bay Cities, Carson Community Center, Room 107, 801 East Carson Street Carson, CA 90745
- April 8, 2008: 6 p.m., San Gabriel Valley, Potrero Heights Elementary School, 8026 East Hill Dr., Rosemead, CA 91770,
- April 10, 2008: 6 p.m., Gateway Cities, Progress Park Plaza West, 15500 Downey Av., Paramount, CA 90723,
- April 22, 2008: 6:30 p.m., North Los Angeles County, Larry Chimbole Cultural Center, Lilac Room 1st Floor, 38350 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550,
- April 23, 2008: 6 p.m., San Fernando Valley, Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center, Room 1B, 6262 Van Nuys Bl., Van Nuys, CA 91401

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