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Item 26 on the Construction Committee agenda would authorize construction of an I-405 northbound HOV lane from I-10 to the U.S. 101 interchange, pictured here. *Photo by Gary Leonard.*

On the committee agendas for April: I0405 Sepulveda Pass widening project; purchasing CNG buses for contracted bus services and FY10 capital program

Items to watch

- **Executive Management and Audit Committee Item 23:** Recommendation to adopt the Metro Environmental Policy required as part of the program to develop and implement [FTA-sponsored Environmental Management System \(EMS\)](#) and provide a platform for Metro's commitment to using sustainable principles and practices.
- **Construction Committee Item 26:** I-405 Sepulveda Pass widening project
- **Construction Committee Item 28:** Create and implement a program to recognize deceased members of the Eastside Review Advisory Committee whose hard work and dedication during the planning and construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension provided a consistent and effective advisory function during all the phases of the project. They are: Dorothy Harthshorn, Joel Bloom, Ross Valencia, Luis Martinez and Al Taira. ([Revisit:](#) myMetro.net, July 23, 2004, report)
- **Operations Committee Item 38:** Purchase up to 50 CNG buses for contracted services
- **Operations Committee Item 39:** Purchase up to 100 CNG Compo-buses with stimulus funding.
- **Operations Committee Item 40:** Recommendation to approve service changes to Tier 1 bus lines scheduled to begin in June. The service changes include implementing the new Metro Silver Line 910 along the I-10 and I-110 freeways connecting the El Monte Transit Center and Artesia Center.

(April 14, 2009) The Construction Committee will consider in **item 26** a recommendation to

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establish a life-of-project budget for the I-405 Sepulveda Pass project in the amount of \$1.034 billion and authorize a firm fixed-price contract to Kiewit Pacific Company for \$712 million for the design and construction of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass widening project.

The widening project involves the construction of a northbound HOV lane between the I-10 and U.S. 101, which will be a joint project undertaken by Metro and Caltrans.

Metro is the lead agency for the project implementation and will award the design/build contract. Caltrans will provide design approvals and construction oversight.

The Operations Committee will consider an item to increase the life-of-project budget to \$24 million for the purchase of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses for the Contracted Bus Services Program.

Item 38 would authorize the purchase of up to 45 32-foot CNG buses and exercise an option to purchase five additional 32-foot CNG buses. Both purchases are contingent upon federal stimulus funding programming approved by the Board in February.

Contracted bus services operates 22 bus lines using 181 buses. Most of these buses were originally procured through the contracts with various service providers and consist of a mixture of small 25-foot buses to regular 40-foot transit buses. The new buses will replace 33 diesel buses and 17 propane-fueled shuttle buses acquired in 2001.

Item 39 would authorize the purchase of up to 100 NABI 45-foot CNG composite (Compo) buses for the FY10 capital program. The Compo-buses, which have 15-20 percent more capacity than standard 40-foot buses and have proven to be both durable and economical, will replace local service buses that operate throughout Los Angeles County.

The action establishes budget authority necessary to purchase the buses with federal stimulus funding.

-- from Gayle Anderson

Wednesday, April 15

1 p.m. – Planning and Programming

2 p.m. – Ad-Hoc Congestion Pricing Committee

2:30 p.m. – Finance and Budget

Thursday, April 16

9 a.m. – Measure R Project Delivery Committee

10:30 a.m. – Executive Management and Audit

12 noon – Construction

1 p.m. – Operations Committee

Thursday, April 23

9:30 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting