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Metro to Hold Multi-county Goods Movement Action Plan Stakeholders Advisory Group Meeting in Long Beach

Metro and its partnering agencies will hold a stakeholders advisory group meeting in Long Beach on Wednesday, May 24 to seek public input on the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan (MCGMAP) currently under development. The meeting is the third in a series of public meetings that will take place throughout the development of the MCGMAP.

The meeting will take place at Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd. in the City Council Chambers. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 12 noon.

The public and various stakeholder groups are welcome to attend the meeting to learn more about the development of the action plan. The MCGMAP is being led by Metro in partnership with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), Caltrans Districts 7, 8, 11 and 12 and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

The movement of goods through Southern California – projected to increase dramatically over the next 20 years – while critical to the nation and providing significant economic benefits to the region, places disproportionate impacts on many local communities and key transportation corridors.

At the meeting, the community will be updated on the status of technical work related to existing conditions and constraints and freight demand modeling scenarios. The primary purpose of the meeting is to obtain input on the work-in-progress concerning identified environmental and community impacts. Metro and its partners are working towards the development of consensus strategies and an implementation plan by early 2007.

Those interested in obtaining further information on the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan can visit Metro's web page at <http://www.metro.net/mcgmap>.

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