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Public Invited to Participate in Metro Crenshaw-Prairie Transit Corridor Study Meetings in October

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will be conducting three meetings in October to obtain public comment on the agency's Crenshaw-Prairie Transit Corridor, which will analyze various transit alternatives, environmental impact and an Alternative Analysis to improve the mobility in the corridor.

The Crenshaw/Prairie Transit Corridor extends approximately 10 miles north from Wilshire Boulevard, south to El Segundo Boulevard, east to Arlington Avenue and west to Sepulveda Boulevard and La Tijera Boulevard/La Brea Avenue and includes the cities of Los Angeles, Inglewood, Hawthorne, El Segundo and portions of unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Metro will consider several transit modes such as Metro Rapid Bus, Metro Rapid Transit (MRT) (a dedicated lane) and Light Rail Transit (LRT). The purpose of this effort is to identify potential alternatives to improve public transit service by connecting with existing rail lines, such as the Metro Green or Purple Lines, or approved transit lines such as the Metro Exposition Light Rail (under current construction).

The community meetings are as follows:

- Monday, October 15, 6 to 8 p.m., Darby Park, 3400 W. Arbor Vitae St., Inglewood, CA 90305, (310) 412-5391
- Wednesday, October 17, 6 to 8 p.m., Nate Holden Performing Arts Center, 4718 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90016, (323) 964-9768
- Saturday, October 20, 9 to 11 a.m., Audubon Middle School, 4120 11th Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90008, (323) 290-6300

Metro's scoping meetings are the first step in the environmental review to not only inform the public about the project early in the decision-making process but also to identify the project purpose, alternatives and environmental issues which all help guide the three-year effort.

The meetings will provide the public a first opportunity to learn about the several alternatives in detail and encourage their active participation during the combined federal and State of California environmental process.

At the beginning of each meeting, there will be an open house format where Metro will provide the public opportunities to speak with project representatives and view study display maps. After a project presentation, including its purpose and need, Metro will request public input through the submission of written and verbal comments.

Those unable to attend the meetings can submit their comments by writing to Alan Patashnick, Metro Planning Director South Bay Area, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Mail Stop 99-22-3, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Comments may also be submitted through e-mail at patashnickalan@metro.net or by phone on the project information line at (213) 922-2736. Comments should be received no later than Monday, November 5, 2007.

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