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Metro and LACBC to interview Bicyclists and Pedestrians at Local Transit Stations

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) has begun conducting a survey at several Metro Rail and Metrolink stations such as Wilmington/Imperial, Compton, Florence, Vernon, Van Nuys and Newhall to identify improvements for bicycle and pedestrian access to the station. The survey, in English and Spanish, is part of a comprehensive study of existing conditions and recommendations for improvements at the rail stations.

The stations were selected in areas of high transit use and were funded by a Caltrans Environmental Justice Planning Grant.

The following is the schedule for the survey:

- Thursday, December 13, 2007, Metro Blue Line Compton Station, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.,
- Tuesday, December 18, 2007, Metro Blue Line Florence Station, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.,
- Tuesday, January 8, 2008, Metro Blue Line Vernon Station, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.,
- Thursday, January 10, 2008, Metrolink Van Nuys Station, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.,
- Tuesday, January 15, 2008, Metrolink Newhall Station, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

As part of the questions, Metro and LACBC will be handing out bicycle tire patch kits, small reflectors, and information cards to encourage safe bicycling and pedestrian traffic. The results of these interviews will be incorporated into a final report of recommendations to be completed in the fall of 2008. These reports can be used by cities to apply for grant funds to improve access to the stations.

Local residents will be part of community bike rides and pedestrian meetings. Metro and LACBC will outreach to community members and organizations to attend these gatherings. The first of two such meetings will be held mid-February to early March.

For more information regarding Metro's bicycle planning work, please visit:

www.metro.net/projects_plans/bikeway_planning/default.htm.

For more information regarding LACBC's work, please visit: www.labike.org.

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