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Metro, Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition to Conduct Community Meetings on Bike and Pedestrian Access to Transit Hubs

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) are holding a series of community meetings to discuss bicycle and pedestrian access to several Metro Rail stations.

- The next community meeting is scheduled for the Metro Blue Line Compton Station on Saturday, June 14, at the Martin Luther King Transit Center Ballroom, 404 N. Tamarind Ave. across the street from the Compton Station from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bicycle Parking is available. This meeting is part of a comprehensive study of existing conditions and recommendations for improvements at a total of six transit hubs in Los Angeles County.

There also will be future meetings at other Metro Rail stations to look at bicycle and pedestrian access.

- Metro Blue Line Florence Station, Saturday, June 21,, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Metro Blue Line Rosa Parks Station, Saturday, July 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Metro Blue Line Vernon Station, Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Metro Blue Line Compton Station was selected, in addition to the other five transit stations, because of its high transit use. The study is funded by a Caltrans Environmental Justice Planning Grant.

The public will have an opportunity to bike and walk around the station with leaders to assess its bicycle and pedestrian access, present findings, and provide key input into the plan. These findings will be incorporated into a final report of recommendations to be completed in the fall of 2008. These reports can be used by cities in applying for grant funds to improve access to the stations.

For more information regarding Metro's Bicycle Planning work, visit:

www.metro.net/project_plans/bikeways_planning/default.htm or call Lynne Goldsmith, Program Manager at (213) 922-3068. To contact the Los Angeles Bicycle Coalition, call Dorothy Kieu Le, Planning and Policy Director, at (213) 629-2142 or visit www.la-bike.org.

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