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State Senate Outlines Process for Consideration of Infrastructure Bond Proposals

The State Senate has announced how they intend to consider the infrastructure bond proposals. Through the month of February, policy committees will hold hearings from their respective areas of jurisdiction. The committees will not consider the actual legislation or amendments to the individual pieces of legislation but will issue reports recommending amendments. The conference committee will consider these reports.

As discussed in last week's Daily Brief, the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee will hold its first informational hearing tomorrow and the Assembly Transportation Committee is scheduled to hold its first hearing on January 30. The policy committees will first conduct overview hearings and receive testimony from the Administration. Friday's Daily Brief incorrectly listed Assembly Member Carol Liu (D-La Canada Flintridge) as a conference committee member. This seat is held by Assembly Member Judy Chu (D-Monterey Park).

Metro's Federal Advocates to Visit Los Angeles in Late February

Three members from Metro's federal advocacy team in Washington, DC - Ray Cole and Steve Palmer of Van Scoyoc Associates and Cliff Madison of Cliff Madison Government Relations - will be traveling to Los Angeles in late February to meet with Board members to discuss the implementation of our federal legislative agenda for 2006. Ray, Steve and Cliff will be available to meet with Board members all day on Tuesday February 21 and until 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22.

2550 Rail Car Update

Three rail cars are in transit from Pistoia, Italy and are set to arrive in Pittsburg, California next week. The rail cars will dock in northern California and will be transported to Pittsburg where they will go through its final assembly. Once fully assembled, they will be delivered to Los Angeles by the end of March 2006.

The two original rail cars (701 & 702) have completed its initial performance testing. Staff is now testing the signaling systems to ensure there is communication with our rail infrastructure. Once all of the tests have been completed, 701 & 702 will be shipped back to Pittsburg for final fleet production configuration.

Presently, AnsaldoBreda is preparing 34 additional rail cars for shipment. The rail cars are in various stages of assembly. It is the goal of AnsaldoBreda to deliver 3-4 rail cars per month starting in April 2006.

Metro Orange Line Park & Ride Lot Security

The Daily News inquired today regarding Metro's recent contract modification which adds \$1.2 million for Metro Orange Line park & ride lot security. Staff reported that this money is part of a multi-year contract with WSA Inc., Metro's existing bus security vendor. Of the \$1.2 million, the service is expected to total \$407,466 for the 2006 fiscal year, with remaining funds spent in the remaining two years of the contract. A story may appear in the newspaper tomorrow.

Metro Orange Line Accidents and Near Miss Report

The Daily News inquired today regarding the Metro Orange Line Near Miss Report presented at Metro's Operations Committee Meeting on January 19. That presentation revealed near misses on the Metro Orange Line have been declining steadily since the line opened Oct. 29. Staff reported that, along with near misses, accidents per 100,000 miles of service are also decreasing as well. Accidents on the Orange Line are currently below Metro's systemwide average. The story is expected to run tomorrow.

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