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Infrastructure Bond Update

The Infrastructure Conference Committee held its first meeting Thursday morning and had an overview discussion of the Governor's proposal. The committee outlined many of the issues that have already been identified with the proposal and specifically mentioned that the lack of public transit projects was a problem. The Senate Transportation and Housing Committee continues to hold its hearings. This week's hearing was on Public Private Partnerships and the committee was skeptical of the proposal because the public agency loses a fair amount of control. Next week's hearing is to cover the use of design build contracting.

Strategic Growth Initiative Press Conference

Today, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, Mayor Villaraigosa, LA Councilmember Wendy Greuel and Director Katz spoke at a press conference stressing that the Governor's "Strategic Growth Initiative" needs to include funding for public transportation and that Los Angeles should receive its fair share. Numerous media outlets covered this event.

Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce Economic Awards Dinner

Metro's Diversity & Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) announced it will support the 13th Annual Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce Economic Awards Dinner on Thursday, March 23, 2006, 5:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, 711 S. Hope Street, Los Angeles, California.

This annual event sponsored by the Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Metro Transportation Business

Advisory Council (TBAC), recognizes individuals and corporations that have contributed to the economic growth and development of the African American community.

This year's Keynote Speaker and notable honoree is Mayor Villaraigosa. Other honorees and invited guests include Congresswomen Maxine Waters and Juanita Millender-McDonald, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Councilmembers Eric Garcetti, Bernard Parks, and Herb Wesson, City of Los Angeles City Controller Laura Chick; Los Angeles World Airport Executive Director Lydia Kennard; and City of Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton.

Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events

Next week, I will be meeting.... Next week, I will be meeting separately with Supervisors Antonovich, Knabe and Molina, and Director Fleming. I will also be meeting with Assemblymember Karen Bass. Following the Board meeting, I will be attending the Eastside Chambers of Commerce Luncheon for Senator Dianne Feinstein.

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