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2006 STIP Approved By California Transportation Commission

Today, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved the \$1.9 billion 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Los Angeles County receives about 17% of STIP and pursuant to prior MTA Board actions has requested that the entire Los Angeles County share be programmed for the Exposition Light Rail Transit Phase I project from downtown to Culver City. The CTC's action today commits \$315 million to the Exposition LRT Phase I project and frees up funds from the Exposition budget for numerous other carpool lane projects countywide, including Route 60 from Brea to I-605, I-5 from Route 118 to Route 134, I-10 from I-605 to Puente, I-5 from Orange County to I-605, and the I-5/Route 14 carpool lane direct connector project.

Link to press release: http://www.metro.net/news_info/press/metro_063.htm

Metro Bus Detours Planned For Monday May 1

Media Relations issued a Media Advisory today noting that Metro will be running regular service on Monday, May 1 however, due to planned rallies and marches scheduled for the National Protest/Boycott, some Metro Bus lines will be detoured. Such detours involve lines that travel in the downtown area along Broadway and Hill streets, as well as Metro Bus lines operating along Wilshire Blvd. between Bixel Street and Fairfax Avenue. The Los Angeles Times inquired today as to what plans we have in place and may run a story on the detours tomorrow. The notice is also posted on the Metro web site at www.metro.net.

California Transportation Commission Appointments

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today announced the following appointments to the California Transportation Commission:

Robert Alvarado, 53, of Contra Costa. He has served as the Executive Officer and Central District Manager for the Northern California Carpenters Regional Council since 1997. Previously, Alvarado was an Administrative Officer and Business Representative for the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters from 1986 to 1997. In the past, he has served as a member of the State Contractor's License Board, the Commission on Health Safety and Workers Compensation and the board of directors of the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

Larry Zarian, 68, of Glendale. He has extensive experience with transportation issues, serving as a board member for Metrolink from 1996 to 2004, as a Member and Chair of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority from 1993 to 1997, and a member and Vice Chair of the National Highway Safety Commission from 1986 to 1990. Zarian was a member of the Glendale City Council from 1983 to 1999, serving four terms as Mayor, and has served in the past as a member of the Los Angeles County Water Quality Control Board and the Los Angeles County Economic Development Authority.

Of Note

On this date in 2001, Metro Magazine called MTA one of the 10 Most Improved Transit Systems. "Today, the MTA is back on the road to fiscal health and is using its newfound stability to innovate again, this time with less-expensive bus service," said Metro managing editor Leslie Davis and associate publisher/editor Cliff Henke. "More than 1,000 new buses already are in service with more than 1,000 additional buses being ordered, and a record amount of bus service is on the road."

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