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LACMTA/LAUSD Property Exchange and Funding Agreement

Earlier today, I signed the Metro/Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Property Exchange and Funding Agreement that will allow us to proceed with the re-building of Ramona Opportunity High School. The Agreement also solidifies the property exchange necessary to build Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension's Indiana Street Station. LAUSD is preparing to advertise for construction bids and Metro is proceeding with the final design of the Indiana Station. The simultaneous property exchange between LACMTA and LAUSD is expected to occur by November 1, 2006.

SCAG Approves 2006 Regional TIP

This morning, the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Executive Committee approved the \$19.3 billion, 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial Counties. The SCAG Regional Council had previously acted to delegate final approval authority for the 2006 Regional TIP to its Executive Committee. The 2006 Regional TIP is a federally mandated listing of transportation capital improvements and certain transit services grants for the entire SCAG region.

Included within the 2006 Regional TIP is the Los Angeles County TIP that the Board of Directors approved by resolution in December 2005 and that Countywide Planning and Development submitted for SCAG review and approval in March 2006. The \$9.4 billion Los Angeles County TIP includes over 1,000 transit and highway projects, as well as transit services grants, to be implemented over the next six years (FY 2006-07 to FY 2011-12) with federal, state and local funds.

The 2006 Regional TIP will now be forwarded to Caltrans and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for air quality conformity and financial constraint determinations. Positive determinations by both Caltrans and U.S. DOT will permit the implementation of Los Angeles County's transit and highway projects, as well as transit services grants, over the next six years. SCAG is requesting that the Caltrans and U.S. DOT determinations be made by October 1, 2006. Please contact Frank Flores at (213) 922-2456 or David Yale at (213) 922-2469, for further information on the 2006 Regional TIP process.

Media Attending Today's Board Meeting

The *Los Angeles Times*, *Daily News* and City News Service attended today's Board meeting. Stories may appear tomorrow regarding the Board's approval of labor agreements and salary increases for non-contract employees. The *Daily News* also requested and received a copy of my employment contract, which was discussed by the Board in Closed Session.

Goods Movement Discussed at Regional CEO Meeting

Last week, during the monthly CEO meeting, the region's transportation administrators and I met with John Barna, Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission. Mr. Barna discussed the manner in which the State Goods Movement Action Plan would be implemented, should the infrastructure bond measures receive voter approval in November. He is traveling throughout the state to meet with transportation agencies and to learn more about local and regional transportation needs and plans. Metro staff have also been attending working group meetings pertaining to the specific program elements of the infrastructure bonds.

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