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Consent Decree Update

Yesterday, the Bus Riders Union filed a motion to amend Judge Terry Hatter's Order of October 24, 2006 regarding the Consent Decree. Specifically, the BRU is claiming that to facilitate the portion of the judge's order retaining jurisdiction over implementation of the New Service Implementation Plan, it is necessary to extend related sections of the Consent Decree, namely Section II.C (new bus service), Section IV (Joint Working Group), Section V (Special Master), and Section IX (*attorney's fees*).

A hearing date has been set for November 27th in Judge Hatter's courtroom. We plan to oppose the motion on both procedural and substantive grounds.

Part-Time Operator Usage

In May of this year, the leadership of the United Transportation Union (UTU) agreed to allow Metro to use part-time operators as a temporary approach to help offset the negative impacts of the current operator shortage. Specifically, Metro and UTU agreed to allow part-time operators to work more hours (on a voluntary basis) until the June 24th "Shake-Up." In July, this policy was extended through the December 2006 Shake-Up at the agreement of both parties. Yesterday, Metro received official notice from the UTU that this agreement will end in December.

Metro has recently enacted a comprehensive multi-modal bus operator recruitment effort aimed at reducing the agency's operator shortage. In fact, just

last weekend over 140 people attended Metro's Bus Operator Job Fair which was held at the Gateway Headquarters building.

Canoga/Northern Extension of the Metro Orange Line

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was posted on Metro.net earlier today to procure consultant services for environmental clearance and preliminary engineering for a northern extension of the Metro Orange Line. This project is in response to Board action taken in September to allow for staff to simultaneously begin working on two north/south corridors for the San Fernando Valley – one along Canoga Boulevard and one along Van Nuys Boulevard. The RFP requests consultant services for a five to six mile extension of the Metro Orange Line along Canoga Boulevard, including an adjacent bikeway, with a northern terminus at or near the Chatsworth Metrolink Station. Bids are due by December 21st. In the meantime, Metro staff is working with the City of Los Angeles to procure similar services for engineering work along Van Nuys Boulevard. Board Members and their staff should refer all consultant/contractor calls pertaining to the project to Metro Procurement's Contract Coordinator, Gary Katzman through this blackout period. Mr. Katzman can be reached at (213) 922-4607.

Of Note

On this date in 1899, Los Angeles Railway opened its Division 1, which remains in operation by Metro today. On its opening day, the division was equipped with ten tracks capable of holding 210 street cars, also known as the Los Angeles Yellow Cars. Today the division operates hundreds of natural gas powered Metro buses for the Gateway Cities Service Sector.



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