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New Wilshire Rapid Express Service/Free Holiday Fares

Reporters from the *Los Angeles Times*, City News Service and the *Daily News* were in attendance at today's Board meeting. Stories are expected to run tomorrow regarding Board action on Caltrans' project cost overruns, implementation of a Wilshire Rapid Express service next June, and free holiday fares for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Media relations also received a number of separate inquiries regarding the proposed Wilshire Rapid Express service. Interviews were conducted with KABC-TV, KFWB radio, *Park La Brea News* and the *Santa Monica Daily Press*. A news release was also distributed today to announce the Board's approval of free holiday fares.

Metro Red Line Subway Extension to Santa Monica

The *Larchmont Chronicle* is preparing a story on the possible extension of the Metro Rail subway system along Wilshire Boulevard to Santa Monica. Media Relations spoke with a reporter from the paper and indicated that Metro's Board of Directors has not taken action on the proposed extension but may do so as part of the revision of Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan that is set to occur this Spring.

“Save the Date” for the Metro Orange Line Canoga Park and Ride Grand Opening

A press event to commemorate the grand opening of the Metro Orange Line Canoga Park and Ride lot has been scheduled for December 22nd at 10:00 a.m. The new lot will provide a location for West Valley commuters to conveniently park at one of more than 600 new parking spaces to board the Metro Orange Line’s eastbound buses. The new park and ride facility will also be the most convenient parking access point on the western terminus of the Metro Orange Line, and will eventually provide a launch point for further extensions of the service to the Chatsworth Metrolink Station and other points of interest. Additional details will be provided in the coming weeks.

“Save the Date” for the South Bay Cities Council of Governments’ 8th Annual General Assembly

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments’ [8th Annual General Assembly](#) has been scheduled for Friday, February 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Carson Community Center, in Carson. The theme for the conference is “Mobility Options for the South Bay” and will feature speakers on the subtopics of: “Transportation Alternatives,” “How to Get Better Performance Out of Our Existing System By Using Technology,” and “Is Congestion Bad?” Additional details will be provided as they become available.

Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting Agenda

The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board is scheduled to meet next Thursday, December 14th at 3:30 p.m. in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, in the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors’ Hearing Room 381B.

At this meeting, the Expo Board will consider staff recommendations to approve Caltrans’ Annual Work Plan and institute a Station Design Policy. Additionally, the Board will vote to approve the designs for Ballona Creek and Trousdale Stations. A monthly project status update will also be delivered.

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