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## **Today's Federal Transportation Funding Press Event**

More than two dozen media outlets including most of the Los Angeles area television stations, Los Angeles Times, Daily News, KNX and KFWB radio covered this morning's press event in Watts where Mayor and Metro Board Chairman Antonio Villaraigosa, Congressional leaders and local and state officials, and Mobility 21 partners gathered to detail LA County's success in securing \$4.5 billion in federal transportation funding in the new SAFETEA-LU bill.

## **Orange Line Test Ride**

Media have been invited to join LA County Supervisor and Metro Board member Zev Yaroslavsky Thursday morning, August 4<sup>th</sup>, on a test ride along the Metro Orange Line. The Rapidway is about 88% complete and Metro Liner buses are being tested on a portion of the alignment.

## **Contract Services Labor Issue Update**

This is an update to the labor dispute that began Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> when seventeen of Transportation Concepts ninety drivers did not report for work. Transportation Concepts, the contractor who operates Metro bus lines 96, 167, 218, and 603, made full rollout again this morning. Three buses left late due to three drivers calling in sick. Three supervisors covered those runs. The picketing continues very quietly with three Teamsters Union Reps and only four of the seventeen drivers who walked out on Monday August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Teamsters Local 848, which represents these seventeen drivers, is calling for a meeting with the drivers later today. The Sheriff's support continues and no incidents have been reported.

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