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## **LaBonge Motion for Temporary Parking Lot on Metro Orange Line**

The Daily News inquired today regarding Los Angeles City Councilman Tom LaBonge's motion, to be presented at tomorrow's Los Angeles City Council Transportation Committee meeting, which asks for Metro to work with appropriate city agencies to discuss the feasibility of constructing a temporary parking lot on the southwest corner of Lankershim and South Chandler Boulevards to improve available parking for Metro Red and Orange Line riders. Staff reported that the agency will analyze related construction costs for the lot, which has up until now been used as a construction lay down area. The story is expected to run tomorrow.

## **Rosa Parks Honored Thursday December 1**

Media Relations issued a Media Advisory inviting the news media to attend the unveiling of commemorative Rosa Parks art posters that will be installed in Metro Buses honoring her contribution to the cause of racial equality on the 50th anniversary of her refusal to surrender her bus seat to a male passenger in Montgomery, Alabama. The press event is planned for 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 1 in front of Metro's headquarters building.

## **Citizen Advisory Council's Person Of The Year Announced**

Media Relations today distributed a news release announcing that former California State Senator James R. Mills has been selected at the "Person of the Year" by the Metro Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC). Mills is largely responsible for the rebirth of light rail transit in the United States and will be honored by the CAC at a luncheon on Friday, December 2.

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Senator Mills was President Pro Tem of the Senate for ten years. As a state

senator, Mills introduced bills, which imposed sales tax on gasoline to fund transportation development, allowed a portion of state highway funds to be used to build guideway systems, and set up funds for multimodal projects.

This is the second year that the CAC has recognized a "Person of the Year," an honor recognizing individuals who have significantly contributed to improving public transportation. Last year's recipient was Congressman Adam Schiff.

### **Go Metro To Shop This Holiday Season**

The Spanish language radio station KLYY 97.5 FM "Oye" this morning interviewed Media Relations staff to discuss using the Metro System to do their shopping at several destinations such the Toy, Fashion, Jewelry and Flower Districts at downtown Los Angeles. The radio segment aired live this morning at 8:45 a.m.

### **Honolulu Councilman Dela Cruz visits Metro**

I met Councilman Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair of the Honolulu City Council, who toured the Metro Gold, Red and Orange Lines. Honolulu is planning to apply for a Federally funded light rail project utilizing its recently approved 1/2 cent sales tax measure. Councilman Dela Cruz was briefed on Metro's experiences in dealing with the FTA on planning, constructing and financing matters. He also expressed interest in our smart card and joint development activities.

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