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Transportation Commission Created By Congress To Release Report Next Week

The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission created under Section 1909 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) will release its report to Congress on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 in Washington, DC. The commission has been charged by Congress with the task of conducting a comprehensive study of the current condition and future needs of America's surface transportation system. This study included an assessment of short-term revenue sources for the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) as well as long-term alternatives to replace or supplement its principal revenue source, the fuel tax. The importance of this study is underscored by revenue projections showing that the Highway Account (HA) and the Mass Transit Account (MTA) of the HTF may have negative balances by next year. Last year, we were pleased to host and offer testimony at a field hearing conducted by the commission. The commission's report will be posted on its website - www.transportationfortomorrow.org - at 8 a.m. (PST) next Tuesday.

Metro Hosts Congressional Staff Delegation

Yesterday, we provided an educational briefing and tour of the mobility challenges facing Los Angeles County for a delegation of congressional aides. The delegation included representatives from the U.S. Senate Transportation Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee, the House

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, the offices of U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and the offices of U.S. Representatives Howard Berman (D-CA), Adam Schiff (D-CA) and Diane Watson (D-CA). The staffers toured the alignments for both the Eastside Extension and Exposition Light Rail Lines, rode the Metro Red, Gold and Orange Lines and boarded a Metro Rapid Bus on Wilshire Boulevard. We will continue to encourage visits from congressional aides who are interested in learning more about the mobility challenges facing Los Angeles County.

Metro Volunteers to Promote Safety and Security at the Chivas Youth Soccer Clinic

We will be promoting safety and security during the Chivas Youth Soccer Clinic at Rio de Los Angeles Park just north of downtown LA on Saturday, January 12, 2008. Metro Volunteers will set up a transit information table and talk to the 500 students attending the six-hour event about helping keep the Metro system secure. Students will be encouraged to report suspicious behavior and unattended packages on the transit system. Staff will also pass out the Metro Bus Safety Check List, which outlines personal safety tips when riding Metro Bus or Metro Rail.

Next Week's Procurement Postings

IFB to Procure Engine Coolant and Waste Pick-up Service

Metro has released an Invitation for Bids this week to procure engine coolant and waste pick-up service. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from January 8, 2008, through May 30, 2008.

This product will support all Metro bus facilities.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at (213) 922-1018.

RFP to Procure Annual Financial Audit Services

Metro has released a Request for Proposals this week to procure annual financial audit services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from January 9, 2008, through March 10, 2008.

The purpose of this procurement is to retain the services of a qualified audit firm to provide financial and compliance audits of Metro and component units, including PTSC, LA SAFE, State Transit Assistant Funds, Benefit Assessment District and National Transit Database.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Robert Vasquez, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213)922-1044.

Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events

Next week, I will be meeting individually with Directors Fleming, Najarian, and Parks as well as The Honorable Jay Cohen, Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security. I will also be attending the Expo Board Meeting. Finally, I will be joining The Honorable Jay Cohen on a panel when we speak at the 1st Annual Regional, Intermodal Transportation Security Conference to address the topic of public transit security.

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