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Live Chat with Metro Board Chair O'Connor Set for January 23rd

Media Relations issued a [news release](#) this morning encouraging the public to participate in next week's Live Chat session with Metro Board Chair Pam O'Connor. The Live Chat is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23 at 12 noon.

Congestion Reduction Outreach Meeting Set for Wednesday, January 23rd

We will hold our first outreach meeting to engage transportation partners in the concept of implementing congestion pricing as one option to achieve congestion reduction in Los Angeles County. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 23, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. in the Metro Board Room.

The agenda includes a review of our progress in developing a Los Angeles County Congestion Pricing Operating Plan, as directed by the Board on June 28, 2007. Additionally, a status of our grant application – the Los Angeles Region Congestion-Reduction Initiative, which was prepared in partnership with Caltrans and recently submitted to USDOT, will be provided. The meeting will conclude with a panel discussion with representatives from Metro, Caltrans and SCAG.

Invitations have been extended to COGs, cities in L.A. County, citizens' advisory committee, governance councils and associations, transportation agencies and federal and state legislators representing L.A. County.

Board Members who wish to attend can contact my office for more information so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Media Relations Issued News Release on the Westside Extension Transit Corridor Study Meetings

Today, Media Relations distributed a [news release](#) noting that Metro will be conducting several upcoming community meetings to update the public on the agency's Westside Extension Transit Corridor Study. Three meetings will be held on the Westside on January 31st, February 5th and 6th. These upcoming meetings will update the public about the results of the scoping process held earlier, the emerging alternatives, and next steps in the study's progress.

Media Inquiry into Metro Gold Line Accident

Today, Media Relations responded to a number of media inquiries regarding an accident involving a Metro Gold Line train and an automobile. The accident occurred at 12:15 p.m. between Highland Park and Mission Station when an automobile made contact with a southbound Metro Gold Line train. Approximately 22 passengers were taken from the damaged train and boarded a replacement train to continue to their destinations.

There were two reported injuries: one passenger on the train and the driver of the automobile; both were transported to area hospitals with non-life threatening injuries. The incident train was damaged at the coupled section between the two train cars. Trains had to single-track between Southwest Museum and Indiana Street. The accident occurred at the Arroyo Verde Grade crossing in South Pasadena. The accident is under investigation, however, we do know that the barrier gates were down at the time of the accident. Stories may air tonight.

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