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Live Web Chat with Chair Pam O'Connor

Today, Metro Board Chair Pam O'Connor conducted her third live web chat. Chair O'Connor fielded a number of questions related to funding needs for future transportation projects, including congestion reduction pricing, a proposed half cent sales tax, toll roads and other ideas. O'Connor also fielded several questions on toll lane affects on the region's carpool lanes. The web chat was interrupted due to technical issues; however, all public questions will be addressed during the next chat session.

Tour of Metro Bus Rapid Transit and Rapid Bus System with Ms. Ruti Amir from Ayalon Highways

Earlier this week, Ms. Ruti Amir, head of the public transit section of Ayalon Highway, a large private firm in Israel, was given a tour of the Metro Orange Line and our Rapid Bus system. She has been touring various locales to gain a better understanding of the nature of busway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects and on-street Rapid Bus projects. Metro's Transportation Manager Gary Spivack gave the tour and spoke to Ms. Amir about the fare system, the automated vehicle annunciation of stops, the location of parking, system transfers, integration with local service, and connection services. She was quite pleased with the discussion.

Ms. Amir mentioned that the Israeli government is pursuing on-street bus lanes with central platforms in the centerline of streets in Tel Aviv. At the end of the tour she asked how to get to a variety of places by bus or train as she was quite comfortable with using our service.

Sheriff Deputies Arrest Tagger "ICER" for Vandalism Damage to Metro Divisions 1, 7, and 9

Earlier today, Special Programs Unit personnel assisted LA County Sheriff's Deputy Quintanilla in the service of a Search Warrant and Arrest Warrant at the residence of a tagger known as "ICER" who is from the tagging crew "MUC" [Mobbing Up Crazy Crew]. ICER is responsible for tagging a train and 15 buses from Metro Divisions 1, 7, and 9. Twenty police reports for vandalism were filed for a total damage of over \$16,000. Under Miranda the suspect admitted and signed a confession for the damages contained in 18 of the 20 reports.

After gaining entry into the house, which had to be breeched because the residents refused to open the door, the deputies discovered approximately 2,000 book plate labels, taken from the L.A. Unified School District, which ICER was using as "slap Tags."

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