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## **Recap of Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting**

Yesterday, the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority (Expo) Board held its regular meeting in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room (381B) in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

During the meeting, the Expo Board took the following actions:

Approved Change Order No. 7.01 to Contract No. 1-06 for final design of the Trousdale Station to compensate FCI/Flour/Parsons (FFP), a joint venture, in an amount not-to-exceed \$850,000; and Authorized the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute the subject Change Order on behalf of Expo;

Approved Change Order No. 4.01 to Contract No. 1-06 for an amount not-to-exceed \$4,926,353, authorizing FFP, a joint venture, to construct the proposed National Boulevard Roadway Bridge (Ballona Creek Bridge); and Authorized the CEO to execute the subject Change Order and issue a Notice-to-Proceed for the construction of Contract Package C4, Ballona Creek Bridge;

Approved Change Order No. 8.01 to Contract No. 1-06 for final design of the Metro Blue Line Tie-In Betterments in an amount not-to-exceed \$2.2 million to FFP, a joint venture; and Authorized the CEO to execute the subject Change Order on behalf of Expo.

In addition, on the Farmdale crossing, the Board directed the CEO to execute a task order with Jones & Stokes to begin an environmental assessment of the following grade crossing options:

1. at grade pedestrian crossing;
2. pedestrian over-crossing with Farmdale closed;
3. Light Rail Transit (LRT) over-crossing;
4. LRT under-crossing; and
5. other reasonable alternatives as may be determined prudent by staff and legal counsel.

On the Consent Calendar, the Board approved the FY08 Phase 1 Mid-Year Budget Revision; Received and filed a report on preliminary cost estimates for Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Transit Project; and Received and filed a report on Expo Cost Containment Actions.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 6, 2008.

## **Southern California Transportation Regionwide CEO Meeting**

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The Southern California Transportation Chief Executive Officers (CEO's) met today to discuss various issues that impact our region. Specifically, the CEO's discussed the coordinated Southern California Consensus Group's Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) presentation for the upcoming California Trade Commission (CTC) staff meeting on February 19, 2008; the proposed Access DC trip scheduled for April 15-18, 2008; the State of California Consensus Reauthorization meetings; the latest short and long term Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN) efforts to improve its corridor; and Metrolink's concerns regarding our latest gating and EZ transit pass program proposal.

### **Solar and Green Initiatives**

Metro Magazine will be featuring our solar panel projects and other green initiatives in an upcoming issue. Staff provided information on the agency's two completed solar panel installations in the San Fernando Valley and Carson bus divisions, as well as its newest eco-friendly transit facility in El Monte that was built to meet LEED Silver Certified environmental standards. We also indicated that we are negotiating public/private partnerships to facilitate future solar installations, creating a financing arrangement that could be used as a model for similar projects within the transit industry and that the agency and the Board take sustainable practices seriously, and have created a sustainability committee to further efforts to reduce our carbon footprint. The story is expected to be published in the magazine's April edition.

### **Metro Gold Line Eastside Project Receives Award from the Los Angeles Business Journal**

Yesterday, the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension (MGLEE) Project received an award from the Los Angeles Business Journal (LABJ). The award was presented during the 7th Annual LABJ Business Hall of Fame Awards event at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. Awards are presented to honorees from various organizations and businesses for remarkable achievements in Los Angeles during 2007. The MGLEE Project received recognition as the "Number One Construction Project" in 2007.

### **Volunteers in the Community**

Dozens of volunteers will be part of a transportation information booth during the annual Chinatown Firecracker Run this Sunday. Volunteers will be promoting safety on Metro Rail vehicles and also encourage the use of public transit. In addition, staff will explain how to use the Gold Line along with the entire Metro Rail network as well as how to use bus connections at rail stations to get to

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destinations throughout Los Angeles.

## **Next Week's Procurement Postings**

### IFB for Light Rail Vehicle Friction Brake System Overhaul

An Invitation for Bids (IFB) will be released next week to procure services to overhaul the Siemens P2000 Light Rail Vehicle Friction Brake System. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 11, 2008, through May 22, 2008.

The brake system overhaul is required to support the maintenance and repair/overhaul program on Metro's Light Rail Vehicles.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Otto Ojong, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1454.

### RFP for Transit Database Upgrade

A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be released next week for the Transit Database Upgrade project. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 14, 2008, through April 23, 2008.

We are seeking the services of an outside Contractor to provide hardware and software including all necessary installation and configuration needed to upgrade the Transit Database System.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Mark Lu, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-4689.

## **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**

Next week, I will be out of the office through Tuesday, February 12, 2008 and returning to the office on Wednesday, February 13, 2008. During my absence, Carol Inge, Chief Planning Officer, will act on my behalf with full signature authority. She can be reached at (213) 922-3056.

If you need to reach someone from my office, please call (213) 922-6888.

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