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Trade Corridor Improvement Fund Hearings Begin Next Week

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) will hold its first Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) hearing in Los Angeles on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in our Board Room. Four CTC Commissioners are scheduled to attend the hearing, including Dario Frommer, Jim Ghielmetti, Phil Tagami and Larry Zarian.

At this hearing, the Southern California TCIF Working Group agencies will be granted one half hour to present their request for 53 projects totaling \$2.2 billion. The Southern California TCIF Working Group is preparing summary information for all submitted Southern California Trade Corridor projects and is discussing the most appropriate way to collectively address the CTC at this hearing.

Board members who are interested in attending the LA hearing, please contact my office by Friday, February 15, 2008 so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Large Attendance at Public Hearing Saturday on Proposed Service Changes

Approximately 150 people attended a public hearing held in our Board room on Saturday to provide comment on proposed service changes scheduled for implementation in June 2008. The three hour hearing was conducted by representatives from each of the Governance Councils.

During the meeting, staff provided an overview of the current environment where the changes are being proposed and specifically discussed each of the proposed changes. More than 60 members of the public provided verbal testimony, which were almost all in opposition to the proposed changes. Thirty-five written comment cards were also submitted.

Representatives from La Opinion Newspaper and Telemundo attended the hearing. Special thanks to the several of our staff members who participated during the hearing making sure that the event went smoothly.

Four more hearings on the proposed June 2008 changes are scheduled for this week. In March, staff will make final recommendations to the Governance Councils for their action and the Board will be asked to approve changes proposed to Tier 1 and Metro Rapid service.

Update: Community Meeting Added for Crenshaw-Prairie Transit Corridor Study

In a Daily Brief last week, we notified the Board of the upcoming community meetings for the Crenshaw Prairie Transit Corridor. At the request of the community, we have added a fourth meeting on Monday, February 25th at the Wilshire United Methodist Church.

The following is the updated public meeting schedule:

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Darby Park
3400 W. Arbor Vitae St.
Inglewood
Served by Metro Bus line 210

Thursday, February 21, 2008

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
US Bank Community Room
5760 Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles
Served by Metro Bus lines 40, 108/358, 210, 710, 740

Saturday, February 23, 2008

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Nate Holden Performing Arts Center
4718 W. Washington Blvd.
Los Angeles
Served by Metro Bus line 35

Monday, February 25, 2008

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wilshire United Methodist Church
4350 Wilshire Blvd
Los Angeles
Served by Metro Line: 20, 210, 710, 720

Media Inquiry into Westside Extension Transit Corridor Study

The Santa Monica Daily Press today inquired about the current status of the Westside Extension Transit Corridor Study. Staff reported that it recently held another round of public meetings to summarize all public input gathered from the agency's November 2007 meetings. Staff will evaluate 17 alternatives for alignments, modes and station locations against key project criteria before submitting a locally preferred alternative for Board consideration later this year. The story is expected to run Wednesday.

Procurement Updates

IFB for Restoration/Rehabilitation of Lankershim Depot Transit Center

An Invitation for Bids (IFB No. C0885) was released last week to procure the restoration/rehabilitation of the Lankershim Depot Transit Center. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 8, 2008 through April 24, 2008.

This is a construction contract to perform restoration of the Lankershim Depot facility to Historic Building Preservation standards. The Work includes the removal, remediation and/or disposal of contaminated soils, lead-based paints, asbestos containing materials and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) containing ballasts.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Don Costa E. Seawell, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1056.

RFP for Enterprise Insurance Monitoring Program

The Request for Proposal (RFP) that was scheduled to be distributed on February 6, 2008 for the Enterprise Insurance Monitoring Program has been postponed. Risk Management will notify us when they are ready to move forward with this item.

Any inquiries concerning this item must be directed to and may only be answered by Lily Lopez, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-4639 or Maria Lechuga, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7206.

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