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## **Southern California TCIF Consensus Working Group Requests Trade Corridor Improvement Funds from the CTC**

Today, at the first Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) hearing held by the California Transportation Commission (CTC), the Southern California TCIF Consensus Working Group presented its project nominations, including grade separations, rail crossing improvements, and highway widening and reconstruction projects, to improve the delivery of goods throughout the region. The Consensus Working Group requested that the CTC allocate \$2.2 billion to help fund 53 transportation projects and stressed the importance of funding these projects by noting that 85 percent of California's containerized cargo is currently being handled by the Ports of Los Angeles (POLA) and Long Beach (POLB). The POLA and POLB handle seven times more international cargo than ports situated in Northern California and Southern California's road and rail system manages 75 percent of all cargo exported from the State of California annually.

The Consensus Working Group informed the CTC that, based on data compiled by the California Air Resources Board, it is estimated that over 1,200 Southern California residents die prematurely every year due to the effects of particulate matter and ozone pollution generated from goods movement activities and that over 80 percent of Californians who are exposed to dangerous levels of diesel emissions reside in these five Southern California counties. SCAG and SCAQMD representatives both confirmed that the Consensus Working Group project will improve air quality according to their analysis.

The Southern California TCIF Working Group includes the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, the Alameda Corridor East Authority, the Riverside County Transportation Commission, the San Bernardino Associated Governments, Orange County Transportation

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Authority, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Ventura County Transportation Commission, Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) and the Southern California Association of Governments.

Media Relations issued a [news release](#) of today's hearing. Media attending today's hearing included the Los Angeles Times, KPCC radio and the Riverside Press Enterprise Newspaper. Stories are expected to run tomorrow.

### **Media Inquiry into Lawsuit Filed Regarding Metro Gold Line (Pasadena)**

Media Relations received calls from the Pasadena Star News and ENR Magazine, a rail construction trade publication, seeking information regarding a lawsuit that was filed by Metro last week against the designers and builders of the Metro Gold Line (Pasadena). On the advice of County Counsel, the reporters were told that we would have no comment on the matter due to pending litigation. Stories are expected to run tomorrow regarding the lawsuit, filed in LA Superior Court last Friday.

### **Notice of Night Construction – Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension**

Starting today, as part of the continuing construction activities for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension, the Contractor will pour concrete at the Pico Aliso Station on First Street from Anderson to Utah. There will be an eastbound street closure on First Street during construction of the Pico Aliso Station.

**WHAT:** Pico Aliso Station Concrete Pour

**WHEN:** Tuesday, February 19, 2008 for one night only. The hours of construction will be from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Pico Aliso Station, First Street between Anderson and Utah.

#### **WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- Eastbound traffic will be detoured south at Anderson to eastbound 3rd Street, to southbound Gless Street, to eastbound 4th Street, onto northbound Boyle Avenue, and then back to eastbound 1st Street.
- Accessibility to homes and businesses between Anderson and Utah will be maintained at all times.
- Fire department and emergency vehicle access will be maintained.

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