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Senator Boxer Visits Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Project

Today, Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) was joined by Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Mayor Villaraigosa, Supervisors Molina, Burke, and Yaroslavsky and I at a press event to highlight the successful Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Project. Senator Boxer discussed the importance of federal funding for transit projects that will help alleviate traffic congestion in the Los Angeles region. In addition, the Senator emphasized how important it is for transportation agencies to have “Green” programs like our Solar and Design programs.

Numerous media outlets covered today’s event including KCBS/KCAL, KNBC, KTLA, KTTV, KNX and KFI radio, Ch. 22/52, LA City View Ch. 35, the Los Angeles Times, La Opinion, the Downtown News, Rafu Shimpo, Taiwan Daily News, Asian Pacific, The Voice, Bloomberg News, Metro Networks and the Chinese Daily News. Stories are expected to run later today and tomorrow.

Media Inquiry into the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Study

This week, the Daily News inquired about our public meetings on the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Study scheduled for February 26th and 28th. Planning staff reported that we will report back results of 88 formal public comment submissions received during early scoping meetings held in November 2007.

Based on public input, the project team has consolidated potential alternatives to eight alignments and up to four potential station stops for connecting the Metro Gold, Blue and Expo lines through downtown Los Angeles. Public comment also indicated a preference for a Light Rail Transit (LRT) solution that would provide seamless train connections without the need for transfers.

Following next week’s meetings, we will develop one or more locally preferred

alternatives for Board consideration by this summer. As with other corridor studies now in the Alternatives Analysis phase, no project funding is currently available. The story is expected to run in advance of the February public meeting dates.

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