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Next Live Chat with Board Chair O'Connor's set for March 19, 2008

Today, Media Relations distributed a [news release](#) noting that due to a busy travel schedule, Metro Board Chair and Santa Monica City Council Member Pam O'Connor will resume her live internet chats next month on Wednesday, March 19th, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Her topic will be: Can we afford traffic relief? The release notes that in the interim, she will answer e-mail questions and comments on traffic and transit in Los Angeles County. These will be posted on metro.net next Wednesday, February 27th. In addition, the news release notes that on Thursday, March 27th from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., Pam O'Connor will answer questions on a live call-in show on City TV Channel 16 and on LA 36.

Metro Holds Quarterly Legislative Briefing

Today, congressional and state legislative aides representing elected officials from across Los Angeles County visited Metro headquarters for our first Quarterly Legislative Briefing of 2008. The briefing included presentations on the status of our Long Range Transportation Plan, the state of our Congestion Reduction Initiative and an update on Metro Operations. A federal and state legislative update was also provided by our staff. Attendees received presentation from Carolyn Flowers, Chief Operations Officer; Heather Hills, Director of Countywide Planning and Development; and Ashad Hamideh, Transportation Planning Manager.

Regional TAP Program Reaches Major Milestone

The Regional TAP program has met a major milestone with the installation of

Culver CityBus. They will be the first Municipal operator to become TAP-enabled and experience “seamless travel” with Metro. Culver City riders have transitioned their magnetic-based Metrocard to the TAP smart card for use on Culver City’s bus lines. They can also ride Metro bus and rail systems using the one and same TAP card with the debit account feature. The TAP program office is currently working with Foothill Transit, Montebello Bus Lines and Norwalk for future similar TAP installations over the next several months. Thereafter, other Municipal operators who have purchased TAP compatible fare boxes will schedule their installations during the 2008 – 09 period.

Upcoming Public Meetings for Regional Connector Transit Corridor Study

We will be conducting two public meetings for the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project on February 26th and 28th. Based on feedback from two public scoping meetings held last November, staff has identified some potential alignments and station locations for further technical analysis. The presentation will provide a status report on the project and the schedule for future steps.

The following is the public meeting schedule:

Tuesday, February 26, 2008
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Japanese American National Museum
369 E. 1st Street
Los Angeles

Thursday, February 28, 2008
Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Los Angeles Central Library
630 W. 5th Street
Los Angeles

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