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Red Line Detour Notice for this Weekend's 80th Annual Academy Awards Show

Recently, Media Relations issued a <u>news release</u> alerting the public that due to an increase in security measures being implemented for the 80th Annual Academy Awards show at the Kodak Theater at the Hollywood and Highland complex in Hollywood on Sunday, February 24th, Metro Red Line subway trains will not stop at the Hollywood/Highland station.

The release notes that Metro Red Line trains will operate on a regular schedule but will simply pass through the Hollywood/Highland Station without stopping on Sunday, February 24th, only. There will be no public access to the Hollywood/Highland Metro Red Line Station. With the start of regular service on Monday, February 25th, all Metro Red Line trains will resume stops at the Hollywood/Highland Station in Hollywood.

The release also notes that due to street closures in the Hollywood Area, including the closure of Hollywood Boulevard, Metro Bus Lines 163, 210, 212, 217 and 780 will be detoured through February 25th. On Sunday, February 24th, Metro Bus Line 156 along Highland Avenue will be detoured. Service should resume by 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 26th.

FTA Quarterly Review Meeting

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts Projects Quarterly Review meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. here in the Gateway Conference Room on the 3rd Floor.

Board members who wish to attend, please contact my office so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Media Inquiry into the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Study

Today, the Los Angeles Times inquired about our public meetings for the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Study next week. Staff reported that the project team has consolidated potential alternatives to eight alignments and several potential station stops to address the 1.6-mile gap in light rail transit service needed to connect the Metro Blue Line, Gold Line and Expo Lines. The story is expected to run on Monday.

Media Inquiry into Crenshaw-Prairie Transit Corridor Study

Today, the Los Angeles Times interviewed Planning and Community Relations staff about the Crenshaw-Prairie Transit Corridor Study and the new public meetings to update the community on how the selection of transit options is taking place. An update on new proposals from elected officials also was discussed. We are considering several alternatives to implement along the transit corridor. Light Rail and Bus Rapid Transit are on the table and alternatives involving both modes along with specified alignments are recommended to be carried forward into the environmental phase of the study. A story is expected to run tomorrow.

Metro Volunteers in the Community this Weekend

This Sunday, several volunteers will be promoting our services during the AMGEN Bicycle Tour of California and the Health Net Lifestyle Festival at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Volunteers will be distributing information about bicycle, bus, train and other public transit alternatives. In cooperation with the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, we are also sponsoring a Bicycle Valet Parking Service for event attendees and providing secure parking spaces. Volunteers will also be promoting this year's upcoming Bike to Work Day which is scheduled for May 15, 2008.

Next Week's Procurement Postings

RFP to Procure Industrial Hygiene & Environmental Safety Services

A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be released on February 25, 2008 for Industrial Hygiene & Environmental Safety Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 25, 2008 to May 29, 2008.

Our Corporate Safety Department is seeking the services of a qualified contractor to provide as-needed industrial hygiene and environmental safety services. The Contractor will be providing the following services: Industrial hygiene field investigations to determine employees' exposure to airborne contaminants; asbestos and lead surveys in buildings; confined spaces evaluation; hazard communication training; hazard emergency response training, CNG training; gas monitoring; noise monitoring; preparation of AQMD Title V annual emissions report and will provide technical/administrative support to equipment calibration, MSDS processing, etc.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Maria V. Lechuga, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7206.

Upcoming CEO Meetings and Events

Next week, I will be meeting individually with Chair O'Connor and Directors Antonovich, Burke, Fleming, Knabe, Villaraigosa, and Yaroslavsky. I will also be participating in the Los Angeles County State Legislative Delegation Meetings in Sacramento, the Joint Metro/OCTA Coordination Meeting, the I-710 Executive Committee Meeting and the 91 Freeway Facility Tour.

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