# **Daily Brief**

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## CTC Commissioner Zarian Addresses Citizens' Advisory Council

California Transportation Commissioner Larry Zarian discussed the future of transportation and transportation funding during the monthly general assembly of our Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC) on Wednesday night. Commissioner Zarian, a former Board Director, expressed doubts whether the public would support future transportation bonds without seeing results of their investments and improvements in transportation projects. He also said businesses will not relocate to Southern California if they cannot move their goods. Stressing that educating the public is an important initiative, Commissioner Zarian encouraged the CAC members to talk before community groups and ask for their support for public transit.

#### **Breda Cars Media Event Canceled**

A media event to roll out the first two Breda Rail Cars into service scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 has been canceled.

### Media Attending Today's Board Meeting

City News Service, The Daily News, La Opinion, City Beat and a USC Journalism Student attended today's Board meeting. Reporters interviewed staff on the gating issue and Media Relations issued a <a href="news-release">news-release</a> announcing Board action regarding this issue. Stories are expected to run tomorrow on Board action regarding the gating issue as well as action taken on the proposed service changes planned for June of this year.

## Staff & Volunteers Support LA Marathon Expo

In advance of the Los Angeles Marathon this coming Sunday, staff and volunteers will be at the McDonald's Quality of Life Expo at the Convention Center on Friday and Saturday. Thousands of race participants, family members and friends are expected to need information on how to get to the LA Marathon's starting location in Universal City on Sunday, as well as to various places along the race route. Transit staff and volunteers will pass out maps and flyers with directions for traveling on Metro Bus and Rail from different parts of the city to the race. Staff will also be selling day passes in advance for Sunday at the Expo. Marathon participants, staff and volunteers wearing an official race bib, City of Los Angeles Marathon badge or a volunteer credential dated March 2, 2008 may ride our system without payment of fare. Staff will encourage everyone to travel early on the day of the race and on Sunday, field staff will be stationed at key bus/rail interface locations to help the thousands of marathon participants and spectators.

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