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### Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting Agenda

On Thursday, March 6, 2008, the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority (Expo) Board is scheduled to meet at 2:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room (381B) in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

During the meeting, the Expo Board will consider the following:

- Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute the remaining design review, coordination and construction inspection work required by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power – Water Services; and
- Authorize the CEO to issue a Notice-to-Proceed for Contract Package A5, Seismic Retrofit of Flower Street/Adams Boulevard overcrossings, including Caltrans retaining walls at the I-110 Freeway, to FCI/Fluor/Parsons, a Joint Venture.

In addition, the Board will Receive and File the Monthly Report on CEO authorized contracts and the Monthly Project Status Update.

### Draft EIR for Canoga Transportation Corridor Project Released

Today, Media Relations issued a [news release](#) and held a media briefing with the Daily News noting that we have released a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed northern extension of the Metro Orange Line in the San Fernando Valley and will be holding two hearings in March to receive public comment.

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Open Houses and public hearings will be held on the following dates:

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| Wednesday, March 19, 2008<br>6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.<br>NEW Academy Canoga Park<br>Multi-Purpose Room<br>21425 Cohasset Street<br>Canoga Park, CA | Wednesday, March 26, 2008<br>6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.<br>Chatsworth High School<br>Chancellor Hall<br>10027 Lurline Avenue<br>Chatsworth, CA |
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The news release explains that the Canoga Transportation Corridor Project is a proposed four-mile extension of Metro Orange Line service from the Canoga Park & Ride Lot to the Chatsworth Metrolink Station. We are seeking to improve north-south mobility in the Western part of the Valley by connecting activity centers along the corridor, as well as linking our service with Metrolink.

The focus of the Daily News story is the businesses along the alignment that may be displaced should the project move forward. The reporter was told that it is estimated that 60 lease holders along the alignment may be displaced. Costs for the project is estimated at between \$150 million to \$220 million (in 2014 dollars) depending on the alternative selected. KFWB Radio also inquired regarding the DEIR as did City News Service.

### **Media Inquiry into Proposed Service Changes**

Today, Spanish Television Channel 22/52, 54, KABC Eyewitness News and KTTV Fox News inquired into the proposed service changes to be implemented in June. Media Relations staff told the reporters that while some unproductive and low ridership bus lines are proposed for cancellation, a total of six new Metro Rapid Bus lines are scheduled to be implemented. The stories are expected to air tonight. The Argonaut Newspaper also has inquired regarding proposed bus changes in the South Bay area for a story they are preparing on the proposed service modification to be implemented in June.

### **Daily News to Feature Division 8 Bus Operator**

Today, a Daily News reporter interviewed bus operator Luther Philyaw from Division 8, for a feature story on Daylight Savings Time and employees who work during the annual time change. Philyaw, who starts his schedule at 4 a.m. early Sunday morning on March 9, discussed from his personal perspective what it means for him start working on that day, particularly during the actual time change as well as his yearly ritual to be on time, how he deals with the physical and mental adjustment and how his early morning passengers deal with the time change. The story is expected to run tomorrow.

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## **Construction Meeting Update – Ramona Opportunity High School**

On Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) will hold a community meeting to provide an update on the rebuilding of the Ramona Opportunity High School, which is scheduled to be completed in the first quarter of 2010. The project consists of 13 classrooms and two vocational labs. This project was made possible through a collaboration between LAUSD and us, as a result of construction activity related to the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension project.

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