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Trade Corridor Improvement Fund Multi-County Legislative Delegation Meeting in Sacramento

Earlier this week, members of the Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties' legislative delegations held a meeting to discuss the status of the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) process. The meeting was hosted by Senators Bob Dutton and Alan Lowenthal and Assemblymembers Mike Duvall, Mike Feuer, Ed Hernandez, Bob Huff and Pedro Nava.

Orange County Transportation Authority CEO Art Leahy and Ty Schulling from San Bernardino Association of Governments provided a presentation on behalf of the Southern California Consensus Working Group on our priorities and requested members to work together to advocate on our behalf. The briefing was well attended by members and staff including Senators Alan Lowenthal, Denise Ducheny and Lou Correa, Assemblymembers Mike Feuer, Anthony Adams, Mike Duvall, Jose Solorio, Bob Huff, Bill Emmerson, Chuck Devore, Paul Krekorian, Mike Eng, Julia Brownley and Wilmer Amina Carter.

The legislative members supported the Consensus Group's efforts to create a coalition to advocate for an adequate level of funding for our region. Senator Denise Ducheny, Chair of the Senate Budget Committee, expressed support for our \$1.7 billion request but had concerns for our \$2.2 billion request for additional funds. The members agreed to call California Transportation Commissioners to advocate on behalf of our corridor projects.

Governor Announces Proposition 1B Transit Projects

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger held a <u>press conference</u> today to announce approximately \$394 million in transit projects funded by Proposition 1B. The Governor announced 106 projects funded throughout the State that are the first of two annual funding cycles from the bond's \$3.6 billion Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account. We will receive \$171 million for a wide range of transit improvements, including expanding the Mid City/Exposition light rail line, purchasing 95 new CNG buses, Wilshire Boulevard Bus Only Lane between Los Angeles and Santa Monica and rehabilitating older buses. The transit funds are allocated by the State Transportation Account (STA) formula providing approximately 30% to Los Angeles County.

Next Week's Procurement Postings

IFB for As-Needed Laboratory Services and Chemical Analysis
Metro has released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for As-needed Laboratory
Services & Chemical Analysis. The procurement process blackout period is
expected to run from May 6, 2008, through May 30, 2008.

Professional services being procured, on an as-needed basis, are analysis of samples collected by Metro Quality Assurance employees and field collection services, including technical personnel, equipment and all necessary supplies to perform the sampling. The purpose of the procurement is to maintain compliance with city, county and state requirements for monitoring liquid and solid wastes, and monitoring of liquid discharges.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by W. T. (Ted) Sparkuhl, Senior Contract Administrator, at 213.922.7399.

IFB to Procure Safety Gloves

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids next week to procure Safety Gloves. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 13, 2008, to July 31, 2008.

This product will support janitorial and operations staff at all facilities.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at 213.922.1018.

RFP to Procure Metro Bus Operating Division 2 Development of Reconstruction Master Plan

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure Metro

Bus Operating Division 2 Development of Reconstruction Master Plan. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 17, 2008, through July 1, 2008.

This effort is to procure consulting services to develop a reconstruction master plan for upgrading Metro Bus Operating Division 2.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by W. T. (Ted) Sparkuhl, Senior Contracts Administrator, at 213.922.7399.

Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events

Next week, I will be participating in the American Public Transportation Association's Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. During my absence, Carol Inge, Chief Planning Officer will act on my behalf with full signature authority. She can be reached at (213) 922-3056

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