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Opening of the Douglas Street Gap Closure Project

On Friday March 7, 2008, staff attended the City of El Segundo's Grand Opening ceremony for the Douglas Street Gap Closure Project. We provided approximately \$15 million (38%) to the project's total cost through the Call for Projects. In addition to the Mayor of El Segundo, other elected officials present who spoke at the event included: Congresswoman Jane Harman, Supervisor Don Knabe, Assemblyman Ted Liu and a representative from State Senator Jenny Oropeza's office. Our Chief Planning Officer was also in attendance and spoke at the event. This \$39 million multi-modal project was a collaborative effort with Federal agencies and Caltrans and closed a critical link in the arterial network, provided a transit center, a small park-and-ride facility for both transit and Metro Green Line passengers and improved pedestrian access to the Metro Green Line Douglas Street Station.

Long Range Transportation Plan Media Briefing

Today, Media Relations and Planning staff held a media briefing with our beat reporters regarding tomorrow's release of the draft 2008 Long Range Transportation Plan. Reporters were given a copy of the plan that address transportation needs throughout the County, such as closing gaps in the freeway carpool lane network, expanding Metro Rail and bus service, improving major street capacity and speeds, bicycle and pedestrian improvements and rideshare opportunities. Reporters were told of all the accomplishments that have been made over the last 25 years and what we hope to accomplish during the next 25 years. The \$153 billion transportation plan funds many new projects but falls more than \$60 billion short of what is really needed for the region. Reporters were told that we will aggressively pursue additional revenues for transportation at the state, federal and local level. The Los Angeles Times, Daily News, City News Service and La Opinion attended today's briefing. Radio Korea and KNBC

also inquired regarding the release of the plan. Stories are expected to run tomorrow.

15th Annual Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair

On Tuesday, March 25, 2008, we will be joining the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in hosting the [15th Annual Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair](#). This year's fair is themed "Celebrating Fifteen Years of Business Partnership," and will consist of:

- A Business Stage program;
- One-on-One Networking/Business Matchmaking booth, where our vendors will have one-on-one time with our Buyers and Contract Administrators and those from the other three hosting agencies; and
- A number of workshops designed to inform the business community on how to do business with the hosting agencies.

A VIP Reception for this event will be held on Monday, March 24, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Wilshire Grand Hotel on 7th and Wilshire in Downtown Los Angeles.

Board Members who wish to attend can contact my office for more information so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

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