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**AB 2321 (Feuer) to be Considered in Senate Appropriations Committee**

On Monday, August 4, 2008, the Senate Appropriations Committee is scheduled to consider AB 2321 (Feuer) relating to our authority to place a one-half cent sales tax on the November ballot. Our advocacy team is working with the members of the Appropriations committee to address questions from members.

**San Gabriel Valley Operations Building Awarded LEED Gold Rating**

We were recently informed by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) that upon review of our certification package, our new San Gabriel Valley (SGV) Operations Building has been awarded a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating of Gold. The LEED rating system is divided into four certification levels: Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum. The Gold level achieved by staff for this building surpasses our policy of a minimum LEED Silver rating.

The three-story administration and operations building officially opened in November 2007, and was designed and managed by Facilities-Operations with substantial assistance from Construction Management, Procurement, ITS, the SGV Service Sector and Metro Art. The building was constructed by W.E. O'Neil Constructors. The local Los Angeles chapter of USGBC will present us the plaque and certificates at the September or October Board meeting.

## **Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting**

On Thursday, August 7, 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:

- Receive and File a monthly report on contracts approved for July 2008 by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or under his delegated authority;
- Approve the reclassification of the Project Control Manager to a Senior Project Control Manager position to more accurately reflect current job duties and responsibilities; and
- Authorize the CEO to issue contracts with selected artists and fabricators to implement the station public art program in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,620,000.

In addition, the Board will Receive and File the Monthly Project Status Update for the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project and discuss a closed session item.

## **Metro Rail System [Service Alerts](#) – Gold and Blue Lines**

### Metro Gold Line

On Friday and Saturday, August 1-2, 2008 after 9:00 p.m., trains from Sierra Madre Villa Station to Union Station will run two minutes later than regularly scheduled due to vehicle testing.

### Metro Blue Line

On Friday, August 1, 2008 between 8:00 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., all Blue Line trains will depart 7th/Metro from Platform 1 (Flower-Hope Street) due to system maintenance. After 9:15 p.m., all Blue Line trains will depart from Platform 2 (Figueroa Street).

On Saturday and Sunday, August 2-3, 2008, trains departing Del Amo Station will be delayed two minutes and the trains departing Willow Station will be delayed nine minutes due to system maintenance. On Sunday, August 3rd, all trains will depart 7th/Metro from Platform 1 (Flower-Hope Street) from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

## **Upcoming Night of Stars Event**

This year's Night of Stars Event is scheduled to take place on Friday, October 17,

2008, at the Downtown Bonaventure Hotel beginning with a reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by the awards dinner portion of the program at 7:30 p.m.

The awards program recognizes the “best of the best” in transportation and maintenance personnel who have displayed dedication to safety, customer satisfaction and a commitment to exceeding expectations on the job. Award recipients will have met an exceptionally stringent set of performance standards and been with us for at least five years.

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

### **Next Week’s Procurement Postings**

#### RFB for Uniform Rental Services

We have released a Request for Bids (RFB) for Uniform Rental Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from August 31 through September 9, 2008.

The procurement is for rented uniforms to be distributed to 2,120 employees at multiple sites. The procurement also includes rental services for approximately 3,300 hand towels and 230 floor mats. The rental uniforms will provide our represented employees with the proper attire to work more efficiently and project a clean image to the public.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Nicole Dang, Assistant Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7438.

#### IFB for Alkaline Batteries

We will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Alkaline Batteries. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from August 6 through October 30, 2008.

This product will support the Bus and Transportation Operation 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.

#### IFB for Body Shop Canopy & Bin Canopy

We will release an IFB next week for the Division 9 Body Shop Canopy and Bin Canopy. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from August 6 through October 6, 2008.

The work will be performed at the Division 9 Maintenance area and consists of replacing the existing bulk storage canopy with an expanded canopy, thereby increasing the maintenance area which is currently inadequate. A new canopy covering the bin area is included as an option.

Any inquiries concerning the procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Larry Lyon, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7320.

#### IFB for Anti-Graffiti Guard Film & Solar Film Installation Services

We will release an IFB next week to supply and install anti-graffiti guard film and solar film installation services, including installation and replacement of various types of film used on glass panels throughout our transit facilities. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from August 7 to November 21, 2008.

#### **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**

I will be out of the office on Monday, August 4, 2008. 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.

Upon my return, I will be participating in the General Managers Municipal Meeting, EXPO Board Meeting, the Mobility 21 Board of Directors' Meeting and the Regionwide CEO Meeting.

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