

Chief Planning Officer's Report Countywide Planning & Development

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Metro

Orange Grove And/Arroyo Seco Parkway

- A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Orange Grove Avenue/Arroyo Seco Parkway Interchange Improvements was held in South Pasadena on Thursday, November 9, 2006.
- Metro provided \$1.3 million to So. Pasadena for Rte 710 Mitigations Project through the Call For Projects. Orange Grove Avenue/Arroyo Seco Parkway Interchange Improvements is one of the four sub-projects under this Project.

San Fernando Road Bike Path Grand Opening

- Ribbon cutting ceremony was held on November 2nd for a 1.9 mile bike path along San Fernando Road in Sylmar
- Connects to existing 1.0 mile City of San Fernando Bike Path
- Metro provided \$1.4 m of \$4.1 m total cost through Call for Projects
- Ultimately, the San Fernando Road Bike Path will extend 17 miles through Sylmar, San Fernando, Sunland and Burbank to connect to the LA River Bike Path and the Chandler/Metro Orange Line Bike Paths

Northern/Canoga Extension of the Metro Orange Line I-710 EIR/EIS and Crenshaw Prairie Corridor

- An RFP for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) & Preliminary Engineering (PE) was released on November 7 for the Northern/Canoga Extension of the Metro Orange Line.
- The RFP for the I-710 Environmental Impact Statement and Preliminary Engineering is scheduled for release in by November 20th.
- Staff anticipates that the Crenshaw Prairie Corridor will be the next RFP released for Environmental Clearance and Conceptual Engineering by the end of November.

Congestion Mitigation Fee Meeting

- The Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee met October 31st
 - PAC role: advise Metro on its proposed developer impact fee
 - 48 attendees from public and private sectors
- Two hypothetical case studies were presented that showed:
 - How fee could be calculated
 - How cities would have local control over project selection, fee collection, and implementation
 - How cities have flexibility to mitigate regional transportation impacts from growth
 - Types of projects that could be funded

Congestion Mitigation Fee Meeting (Cont'd)

- Concerns of cities and other PAC members included:
 - Cities need flexibility to select transportation projects
 - How cities with existing traffic impact fees would receive credit
 - Whether fee should be consistent across jurisdictions
 - Need flexibility in how fees are identified for different land use types
 - Relationship to potential air quality impact fee
 - Need incentives for cities to collaborate on regional projects
 - Possibility of regional funds to match fee
 - Whether program would add certainty to development entitlement process
 - Ensuring impact fee doesn't try to solve existing congestion