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Legislative Highlights

Adelphia Cable

Last month 175,000 Adelphia Cable customers in Los Angeles were deprived of service when the company mistakenly aired "Desperate Housewives" – the Nielsen-rated No. 1 program, in Spanish.

In response, Wendy introduced a motion instructing the city's Information and Technology Agency (ITA) to review the city's cable franchise agreements to determine what authority the city has to force cable companies to compensate cable subscribers who are deprived of programming and other services.

Left Turn Signals

In her efforts to ease traffic congestion across the City of Los Angeles, Wendy has asked the Department of Transportation to examine the need for additional left-turn signals citywide.

Wendy believes there are a multitude of intersections where left-turn arrows would help move traffic more smoothly, relieve congestion, and enhance safety for motorists and pedestrians.

Orange Line Safety



I was so pleased to join Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky to dedicate the MTA's brand new Orange Line last week. The Orange Line now operates on a 14-mile right-of-way spanning

between North Hollywood and Warner Center. I encourage valley commuters to get out of your cars and see if the Orange Line is the right commute for you!

MTA and the city's Department of Transportation (LADOT) have taken extreme care to develop and post signage all along the Orange Line to alert the public to safety hazards, and I applaud them for making safety awareness a priority for our community.

Now that the buses are operational, I want to remind drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists to follow warning signs and pay close attention when moving around and through the Orange Line's 36 intersections.

When I rode the Orange Line on a test run several weeks ago, I paid close attention to the potential safety hazards that exist in and around the right-of-way.

We all know that drivers often come upon a "No Right Turn On Red" sign and cruise right through them. There are good reasons those signs are posted, particularly around the Orange Line. We need people to stop because there are oncoming buses moving through intersections that drivers can't necessarily see until it's too late.

All of the Orange Line safety features are in place to save lives, but we must also remain vigilant about unexpected safety issues as they arise. Last week I introduced a motion

Red Flag Days



The Los Angeles Fire Department is asking us all to pay close attention to these signs posted along narrow mountainous roads. Red Flag Days are high-risk days for fires and are determined based on a combination of low humidity, high wind speeds, and high temperatures.

On these days, the Los Angeles Police Department and DOT traffic enforcement officers have the right to issue citations and tow vehicles to ensure that no vehicles impede the ability of the fire department to protect lives and save property.

On Red Flag days, all of the city's 104 fire stations fly a red flag. Residents can also receive notifications from the city's 3-1-1 system and the fire department.

Upcoming Events

San Fernando Valley Veteran's Day Parade
Friday, November 11
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
At Laurel Canyon and Brand Blvds.

Forest Lawn Veteran's Day Ceremony
Friday, November 11
11:00 a.m.
Forest Lawn Memorial Park

asking LADOT to provide a report to the City Council on all of the safety measures in place around the Orange Line, and to report back every 30 days on any safety issues that arise now that the bus line is operational.

The Orange Line will be a great success if we all do our part to ensure that those buses run smoothly and safely through the San Fernando Valley.

Laurel Canyon Closures

Beginning this weekend the Bureau of Public Works will start work on the final stages of storm drain construction in the Laurel Canyon, Vantage Avenue, and Viewcrest Avenue area. Laurel Canyon Boulevard will be partially closed for six consecutive weekends beginning November 5, 2005.

I am particularly concerned about the impact on area residents and commuters, which is why my staff has worked with the Bureau of Public Works to ensure that this road work will only take place on Saturdays and Sundays so as to avoid disrupting the weekday commute.

Construction is scheduled for the following dates:
Saturday and Sunday, November 5 & 6
Saturday and Sunday, November 12 & 13
Saturday, November 19
Saturday, November 26

The following detours will be in effect from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. on the designated weekends:

-Southbound traffic on Laurel Canyon will remain open via one lane from Ventura Boulevard to Laurel Terrace Drive.

-Northbound traffic on Laurel Canyon will be diverted at Mulholland Drive to Coldwater Canyon Avenue, then north to Ventura Boulevard.

Local residents who show proof of residence will be allowed access to their homes in both directions on Laurel Canyon Boulevard throughout the construction.

Repair work will include trenching, pipe placement, replacement of dirt, and street paving.

For more information on this construction project and the improvements these storm drains will bring to the Studio City community, please contact the Bureau of Engineering Public Affairs Office at 213-978-0333.

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