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Torrance Transit Kicks-off Rapid & ExpressLanes Services

Torrance, Calif., Oct. 12, 2012 – Torrance Transit will kick off their Rapid and ExpressLanes bus services on Thursday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m. at the Del Amo Fashion Center parking lot in front of Macy's on Carson St. in Torrance. The new Line 4 created as part of Metro's ExpressLanes project on the I-110 Harbor Freeway will provide an express "North to South" service between the South Bay and downtown Los Angeles. The second new route is the new Line 3 Rapid, an "East to West" rapid bus service that will provide service between the South Bay Galleria and the Long Beach Transit Gallery. In celebration of the kick-off, Torrance Transit will be offering free rides on Thursday, October 25 and Friday, October 26 on Line 3 Rapid service only.

Saturday, November 10 at 12:01 a.m. will mark the official debut of the Metro ExpressLanes, an innovative project to reduce traffic congestion. These lanes are Los Angeles County's first HOT (High Occupancy Toll) lanes. The Metro ExpressLanes project will open 11 miles of carpool lanes on the 110 Harbor Freeway to solo drivers who pay an electronic toll.

Metro ExpressLanes is a one-year demonstration project overseen by Metro, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and several other mobility partners to enhance travel options and ease congestion on two of the region's busiest freeways. The project converts 11

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miles of HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) lanes on the I-110 Harbor Freeway. Transit riders also will benefit from the ExpressLanes as the project will add 59 more clean fuel buses and 100 vanpools to the routes.

The Metro ExpressLanes program is a \$290 million project, primarily funded by a \$210 million congestion reduction demonstration grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. For more information about Torrance Transit's Rapid & ExpressLanes please visit www.Transit.TorranceCA.Gov or check out our social media at Facebook.com/TorranceTransit and Twitter.com/TorranceTransit.

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