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| **Surface Transportation Bill**  The Daily News inquired about the federal surface transportation bill and the America Fast Forward Program following U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer’s press conference with Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa this morning. Metro Government Relations and Planning staff briefed the reporter on the America Fast Forward funding provisions within the surface transportation bill, including Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program funds. The story is expected to run tomorrow.  **Metro Orange Line Extension**  The San Fernando Valley Business Journal inquired about the opening of the Metro Orange Line Extension to Chatsworth last weekend. Metro staff reported that the line received approximately 11,000 boardings over the weekend, and that the public’s response to the new extension has been very positive. Riders have indicated that they will use the line frequently to access transit connections in Chatsworth and destinations in Warner Center. Metro and other municipal bus services connect with all new Orange Line Extension stations. The story is expected to run this week. | |
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