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| **Monday, June 25, 2012 120625-1**  **In this Issue:**  **LADOT DASH and Commuter Express Bus Services Integrate Use of TAP Cards on City Transit Routes**  **I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Update**  **Metro Orange Line Extension Construction Notice** |
| **LADOT DASH and Commuter Express Bus Services Integrate Use of TAP Cards on City Transit Routes**  This morning, I joined Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Chair Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles City Councilmember and Metro Board Director Jose Huizar, and Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) General Manager Jaime De la Vega at a press conference announcing the integration of LADOT bus services to the TAP system. All 310 Commuter Express and DASH service buses have been equipped with card validators and driver control units to make them TAP ready. LADOT is the second largest provider of public transit services in LA County. It will phase in the TAP Program in two stages. The first stage, which begins immediately, allows riders to use stored or cash value on the TAP card to pay for their LADOT DASH or Commuter Express fare. Later this year, phase two will be implemented when LADOT moves all of its paper passes and trip tickets to the TAP card. Channels 2, 7, 9, 11, 34, 52, and numerous print reporters covered the news conference. Stories should run throughout the day.  **I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Update**  **The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project contractor has made major progress to date on the demolition of the Westbound Wilshire to Northbound I-405 on-ramp and Northbound I-405 off-ramp to Westbound Wilshire over the weekend. Both ramp bridges over Sepulveda Boulevard have been demolished, as well as two abutments. The contractor is scheduled to resume demolition and reconstruction activities for the remainder of the week. See below for a description of these activities:**  **Monday and Tuesday, June 25-26 - Day Shift**  Start driving pile; no closures  **Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday, June 25-27 - Night Shift**  Post demo work on abutments and driving pile   * Full closure of Sepulveda, from Wilshire to Montana, 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. * Two lanes closed in each direction on Wilshire, from Veteran to Federal, 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. * All northbound on- and off-ramps closed from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.   **Wednesday, June 27 through September - Day Shift**  Northbound Sepulveda Boulevard 2 lane closed, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (exact times may vary depending on traffic conditions)  For more information, please call 213-922-3665 or visit [metro.net/405](http://www.metro.net/projects/i-405/).  **Metro Orange Line Extension Construction Notice**  The Canoga Station Park and Ride Lot will be closed beginning Thursday morning, June 28, 2012 in order for the contractor to perform finishing details prior to the grand opening event of the Metro Orange Line Extension. Full closure of the Canoga Station Park and Ride Lot will start at 3:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2012 through 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, 2012. Metro encourages patrons to utilize the Pierce College Park and Ride Lot. Please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120625_Canoga_Station_Park_and_Ride_Lot_Full_Closure.pdf) to view the complete construction notice.  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120625_Canoga_Station_Park_and_Ride_Lot_Full_Closure.pdf>  . | |
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