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| **Metro ExpressLanes Media Event**  This morning, I joined Board Members Mark Ridley-Thomas, John Fasana, Board Chair Antonovich’s Transportation Deputy Mike Cano along with representatives from the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), Caltrans, California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to announce the completion of construction work on the Metro ExpressLanes along the Harbor Freeway. The ExpressLanes are now set to open late Saturday night, marking the debut of Los Angeles County’s first HOT (High Occupancy Toll) lanes, which will allow solo drivers who pay an electronic toll to travel in 11 miles of converted carpool lanes on the 110 freeway. Numerous media outlets attended this morning’s press event including channels 2/9, 4, 5, 7, 11/13, Los Angeles Times and KNX/KFWB. Stories on the opening of the new Metro Expresslanes are expected throughout the day.  **Countdown to Metro ExpressLanes:** **Tip #10 –Teamwork Makes a Difference!**  We are just one day away from opening Metro Express Lanes and with today’s press conference; we expect to hear more from the media and the general public. As a reminder, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/121029_Top_10_FAQ.pdf) to view the top 10 FAQs.  Over the last five years, Metro ExpressLanes team has made extensive efforts to effectively inform and educate both those who share our vision and those with different views. Supported by Bronwen Trice, Senior Community Relations Officer, Metro ExpressLanes has conducted more than 380 public meetings that provided opportunities to share project objectives and benefits, engage and listen to public feedback, and develop a project reflective of community input. Moreover, we have launched multi-media campaigns to target markets and prepare commuters. From this vantage point, we have learned from impacted communities those areas of highest benefit and concern. And with only one day left, we have exceeded our opening day goal of 25,000 new accounts by 13,000 or 52% with over 38,000 accounts. Additionally, Silver Line BRT Ridership: 4,899 weekday boarding is up 77%.  Please take a moment and familiarize yourself with [“*What’s it all about”*](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/121109_Whats_it_all_about.pdf). The measures of success reflected in the document could not have been possible without the involvement and resources from virtually every department within Metro as well as support from our partner agencies (Caltrans, LADOT, Foothill Transit Agency, Gardena Municipal Bus Lines, Torrance Transit, and SCRRA).  Furthermore, Metro acknowledges everyone who has contributed to the success of its opening day. And we expect to share more news and information as the project progresses over time. Thank you for your contributions. For more information, please visit [www.metroexpresslanes.net](http://www.metroexpresslanes.net/).  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/121109_Whats_it_all_about.pdf>  **Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Construction Notice**  Underground Communications Cables  As part of advance utility relocation activities for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project, AT&T’s Contractor will be undergrounding communication cables at the intersection of Florence Avenue and Hindry Avenue in the City of Los Angeles to make room for the Crenshaw Light Rail Line. Construction work will take place beginning approximately Tuesday, November 13, 2012 through approximately November 30, 2012, Monday through Friday. The anticipated work hours are scheduled from 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., weather permitting. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/121109_Crenshaw_LAX_Transit_Corridor_Construction_Notice.pdf).    [**http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB\_Attachments/121109\_Crenshaw\_LAX\_Transit\_Corridor\_Construction\_Notice.pdf**](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/121109_Crenshaw_LAX_Transit_Corridor_Construction_Notice.pdf)  **Procurement Postings for Next Week** Re-Solicitation for Replacement of the Gateway Building Loading Dock Gate (IFB) Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week for the re-solicitation of the Replacement of the Gateway Building Loading Dock Gate. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 13, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Kenneth Takahashi, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1047.  Forklifts – 6000 Pound Capacity (IFB)  Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week for the solicitation of fifteen (15) Forklifts with 6,000 lbs. capacity each as defined in the Solicitation Document. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 6, 2012 through November 29, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ruth DeWitt, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1076.  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will attend the Westside Subway Extension Utility Relocation press event. I will also attend our monthly committee meetings, the Quarterly Legislative Briefing, and I will participate in our quarterly All-Hands Staff meeting. | |
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