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| **Tuesday, November 27, 2012121127-1****In this Issue:** **Contract Security Officers Deployed on Metro Blue and Green Lines****Metro Recognized in AASHTO Leaner and Greener Publication****Cooler-Geddon Notice** |
| **Contract Security Officers Deployed on Metro Blue and Green Lines**Beginning on Monday, November 26, 2012 Contract Security Officers were deployed to key locations along the Metro Blue and Green Lines. These deployments will last for five weeks, ending on Saturday, December 29, 2012. The Security Officers have been deployed in teams of two and are meant to be used as a visible deterrence due to the increase in cell phone thefts and thefts from patrons on the platforms and trains. They are not being used as a pro-active response force, but will be equipped with cell phones to contact the Rail Operations Center (ROC) to request the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Departments (LASD) services. The Blue Line will have posts at the following four locations: Compton, 103rd Street, Firestone, and Slauson Stations. The Security Officers for the Blue Line have been deployed seven days a week for eight hours a day. The Green Line will have posts at the following five locations: Hawthorne, Crenshaw, Vermont, Harbor, and Avalon Stations. The Security Officers for the Green Line have been deployed seven days a week for sixteen hours a day. All Security teams will deploy along the stations mentioned above in 15 to 45 minute intervals and will be travelling between stations on trains. Please note that if the ROC receives phone calls from the Contract Security Officers requesting LASD services, Watch Deputies should ensure that deputies respond, at minimum, as a priority response. **Metro Recognized in AASHTO Leaner and Greener Publication**The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) recognized our agency in its publication entitled “Leaner and Greener” for exemplary leadership and vision in the area of environment and sustainability. AASHTO applauded Metro for pursuing investments that have resulted in cost savings, energy efficiency, and better community quality of life. Citing the 2008 Board approved Metro Sustainability Implementation Plan, AASHTO highlighted Metro’s organizational strengths and advancements related to speeding project delivery and cutting costs while protecting and even improving environmental resources. Metro-specific efforts include the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Management Plan, Metro’s Energy Sustainability Initiatives, Metro’s Sustainable Design Guidelines implementation, deployment of the Metro Environmental Management System (EMS), and Metro’s ongoing capital investments in sustainability-related capital improvements. In particular, sustainability-related capital improvements have currently generated at least $3 million in annual cost savings. Metro is the only transit organization recognized in the AASHTO report. Please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/121127_LeanerGreener_File.pdf) to view a copy of the report. <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/121127_LeanerGreener_File.pdf>**Cooler-Geddon Notice**Metro will replace the six cooling towers on the Metro Headquarters building roof. A helicopter will be used to bring the old cooling towers down and lift the new cooling towers and related equipment onto the roof on the following dates:* Saturday, December 29, 2012
* Saturday, January 12, 2013\*
* Saturday, January 5, 2013\*
* Saturday, January 26, 2013

(\* Alternate for bad weather)To ensure safety during this work, the Federal Aviation Administration has required the following closures from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on those dates:* Cesar Chavez Avenue and Vignes Street adjacent to the Headquarters Building
* Gateway parking garage
* Patsaouras Plaza (and detour of buses from the plaza)
* The three Union Station tracks closest to the Headquarters Building

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