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| **Metro ExpressLanes on Harbor Freeway to Open Saturday, November 10, 2012**This morning, media relations issued a news release noting that Metro ExpressLanes, an innovative project to reduce traffic congestion, will debut Los Angeles County’s first High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 12:01 a.m., opening 11 miles of carpool lanes on the I-110 Harbor freeway to solo drivers who pay an electronic toll. The release notes that only solo drivers using the ExpressLanes will be charged a toll. Carpools, vanpools, buses and motorcycles will be able to travel toll-free in the I-110 Metro ExpressLanes, which will be located between Adams Boulevard and the 91 freeway. All motorists will need a FasTrak® account and transponder to travel in the I-110 Metro ExpressLanes when tolling begins on November 10, 2012. Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Michael D. Antonovich noted, “**The opening of the Metro ExpressLanes demonstration project on the I-110 will provide a unique opportunity to explore and evaluate a new transportation option that could potentially create faster commutes, greater capacity and better air quality throughout the region.”  The news release explains that the** 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 miles of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on the I-110 Harbor Freeway and 14 miles of HOV lanes on the I-10 San Bernardino Freeway (between Alameda Street and the 605 freeway) to HOT lanes that allow solo drivers to use the carpool lanes by paying a toll. The I-110 ExpressLanes are the first to open, and the I-10 San Bernardino Freeway ExpressLanes will open early next year. Please click** [here](http://www.metro.net/news/simple_pr/los-angeles-countys-first-expresslanes-project-deb/) **to view the news release.** <http://www.metro.net/news/simple_pr/los-angeles-countys-first-expresslanes-project-deb/>**Measure J Information Summary** I am pleased to announce that the Board approved information summary for Measure J is now available on line at [metro.net/measurej](http://www.metro.net/projects/measurej/). I would like to point out an error in the materials presented at the August 6, 2012 special board meeting. The agenda included a presentation of an information package to describe the elements of the Measure R extension. Included in the package was an assortment of graphics and text to explain how a 30-year extension of Measure R would accelerate seven transit projects and up to eight highway projects. In the summary overview, the Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Project was erroneously identified as one of the transit projects that would be accelerated through voter approval of the Measure R Extension. The fact is Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail project is proceeding as rapidly as possible because of the passage of Measure R. The error in the text was noted to Metro staff who immediately corrected all materials to accurately reflect the status of the Crenshaw/LAX Project in relation to Measure R and the Measure R Extension.  |
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