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| **Human Trafficking Campaign Receives National Attention**Metro’s campaign for human trafficking awareness gained the attention of the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Ray LaHood, who requested that we participate in the planning of a national outreach campaign at U.S. Department of Transportation offices in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday. The small-group meeting was timely, as the President delivered a speech yesterday on human trafficking at the Clinton Global Initiative. Other attendees of the meeting included representatives from the airline and trucking industries, Amtrak, private anti-human-trafficking leaders, Department of Homeland Security staff and U.S. Department of Transportation staff. Ray LaHood made an appearance and commended Metro for being an example to other transportation modes in our efforts to raise awareness of the problem. The meeting’s agenda included discussing metrics that define success, including increases in calls to a national hotline, prosecutions of human traffickers, numbers of victims placed into social services, numbers of employees trained on identifying signs of human trafficking, partners that distribute materials and more. Metro will continue to collaborate with local, state and national entities in the efforts to raise awareness for human trafficking crimes.**Spanish Language TV Station Inquires on Carmageddon II** Today, Univision Network and local station KMEX, Chanel 34 will broadcast Metro’s message of the I-405 freeway closure for Carmageddon II weekend. Metro staff underscored the need for public cooperation to be able to repeat last year successful freeway closure. Staff indicated that the public needs to plan ahead, avoid the area or shop, eat, and play locally. Reporters were told that the 53 hour closure will begin on Friday night, September 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with the on and off ramps closure, after 10 p.m. the traffic lanes will begin closure and by midnight both northbound and southbound lanes will be total shut down. Metro will reopen all traffic lanes on Monday morning, October 1, 2012 at 5:00 a.m. and by 6:00 a.m. all the on and off ramps. Stories will run tonight.    **Contractor Incentives/Disincentives for Mulholland Bridge Demolition** Yesterday, KCBS 2 and other media outlets inquired on whether Metro’s contractor Kiewit will receive a bonus for completing Mulholland Bridge demolition work earlier than scheduled. Metro Media Relations staff reported that the contractor will have more work to do in the same 53-hour window, and will not receive a bonus for ending early. The contractor will, however, be assessed a penalty for going beyond its schedule for re-opening the freeway early Monday morning. Provisions in the overall I-405 contract stipulate that the contractor will be penalized $6,000 per freeway lane for every ten minutes of delay. For ten lanes of freeway, that will equal a $60,000 penalty for every ten minutes of delay.  **Expo Phase 2 Update Meetings**The Exposition Construction Authority is holding construction and design update community meetings for Phase 2 of the Expo Line project. Stakeholders will receive information on upcoming construction activities and timelines. Final design renderings will be available at the meeting. The format will include a short presentation followed by an open house session to facilitate dialogue and community input. Please see the meeting details below: **Monday, October 15, 2012**6:30 p.m.Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services Gymnasium 3200 Motor AvenueLos Angeles, CA 90034Parking available on campus**Wednesday, October 24, 2012**6:30 p.m.Santa Monica Civic Auditorium East Wing Meeting Room 1855 Main StreetSanta Monica, CA 90401Special Event free parkingPlanned Agenda for Community Meetings6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Formal Presentation7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: Open House Session |
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