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| **LA Union Station Master Plan Community Meeting**  Last evening, over 180 individuals including community members and stakeholders, councilmember representatives, and media participated in the Union Station Master Plan Community Update Meeting in person and via livestream. KNBC TV inquired about the meeting, and both The Planning Report and Architect's Newspaper were in attendance. A representative from Los Angeles City Councilmember Jose Huizar was also in attendance. Metro staff and consultants provided information on the continuing refinement of the concepts being evaluated. Following the presentation, the public was invited to visit different information "hubs" to view the images up close, ask questions and share their thoughts. Team members were at the stations to answer questions and receive public input. Staff will continue to receive written comments through Friday, August 16, 2013. We are continuing work on the alternatives and will provide an update to the Board at a workshop scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2013 following the Planning & Programming Committee. In October, we will ask the Board to select a preferred approach to be further developed in the next phase of the master planning effort.  **I-405 Closures to Begin for Construction of the Sunset Boulevard Off-Ramp**  As part of ongoing construction for the I-405 Improvements project, several closures are scheduled to start tonight, Friday, August 2, 2013 through Saturday, November 30, 2013. A 120-day closure of the Sunset Boulevard off-ramp will commence so that it may be demolished and rebuilt. Subsequent closures will include:   * Sunset Boulevard between Church and Thurston will be closed tonight, August 2, 2013 through Saturday, August 3, 2013 from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. * The on-ramp from Sunset Boulevard to the north 405 will be closed tonight, August 2, 2013 at 8:00 p.m., and every night through Friday, August 23, 2013 from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. * Sepulveda Boulevard between Church and Montana will be closed tonight, August 2, 2013 and Saturday, August 3, 2013 from 10:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. the following mornings. The same segment will be closed on Sunday, August 4, 2013 through Saturday August 10, 2013 every night from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. the next morning.   For more information regarding the construction activities mentioned above and possible detours, please see the full article posted on the Source by clicking [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/08/02/construction-notices-for-405-off-ramp-closure-to-sunset-boulevard-and-other-associated-work/).  [**http://thesource.metro.net/2013/08/02/construction-notices-for-405-off-ramp-closure-to-sunset-boulevard-and-other-associated-work/**](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/08/02/construction-notices-for-405-off-ramp-closure-to-sunset-boulevard-and-other-associated-work/)  **Procurement Postings for Next Week**  Private Security Contractor Services (RFP)  Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to provide security services for selected portions of the regional Metro System which includes the Metro Blue, Red, Gold, Gold Line Eastside Extension, Exposition Light Rail, and Green Line operating rail system facilities, Metro Orange Line Busway, Park-N-Ride lots, Metro construction sites, operating divisions, support facilities, East Los Angeles properties, and other Metro properties as assigned. Additionally, there may be an occasional requirement for security services at special functions or during emergencies on an as-needed basis. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, August 8, 2013 through Thursday, December 12, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by James A. Nolan, Sr. Contracts Administrator at (213) 922-7312. Urban Greening Plan for Park and Ride Lots and Station Areas (RFP) Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure the services of a qualified Planning/Urban Design/Engineering firm (Consultant) to develop an Urban Greening Plan (The Plan). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, August 8, 2013 through Monday, September 30, 2013. “The Plan” will create resources for the sustainable development or redevelopment of park-and-ride lots and the active transportation networks that serve transit stations within Los Angeles County. The development of an Urban Greening Plan is in response to Metro’s Board Item Number 9, approved at the Thursday, December 13, 2012 Metro Board meeting. The Plan will advance the objectives established in the Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy and Implementation Plan. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ed Kichi, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-3647. Fall Protection Systems at Divisions 1, 5, & 10, and Structural Steel Awnings at Divisions 1 & 5 (IFB) Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure construction work installing Fall Protection Systems and Structural Steel Awnings. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 5, 2013 through Monday, October 28, 2013. Metro is seeking a responsible contractor to perform construction work for the following projects:   1. Fall Protection Systems at Divisions 1, 5, & 10 2. Structural Steel Awnings at Divisions 1 & 5   Division 1: 1130 East 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021  Division 5: 5425 Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90062  Division 10: 742 North Mission Road, Los Angeles, CA 90033  Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Brian P. Mahaffey, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7327.  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will meet with Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard. In addition, I will meet with Senator Mark DeSauinier, Chair of the Transportation Committee and have a separate meeting with Executive Director of the Transit Coalition, Bart Reed. Also, I will attend a California High Speed Rail Review (CHSR) group meeting. Lastly, I will meet with Metro Board Directors Jackie Dupont-Walker and Paul Krekorian. | |
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