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| **Friday, December 6, 2013 131206-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Blue Line Stations Prepared for Latching**  **Expo Light Rail Line Construction Notice**  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice**  **Procurement Postings For Next Week**  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events** |
| **Blue Line Stations Prepared for Latching**  Metro Rail gate latching continues with five Blue Line stations beginning on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. Blue Line locations with turnstile entries scheduled for latching include Slauson, Firestone, Compton, Artesia and Del Amo Stations. The TAP program has worked with Metro Rail Operations, Wayside Systems, Communications, Information Technology, Maintenance, Transit Security and the Los Angeles Sheriffs to execute the gate latching efforts. Red, Purple and Gold Line Stations have already been completed.  Preparations for customers include rail posters and brochures that have been distributed on Metro Rail trains and “station domination” materials that announce latching and provide instructions on TAP vending machine use. Print and web materials point to a module on Metro’s website at [metro.net/latching](http://www.metro.net/riding/fares/latching-schedule/) that provides tips for using turnstiles on foot or by bike, and offers information on accessible hands-free entry. Posters and decals near gate arrays in soon-to-be-latched stations are being installed and social media posts are planned on Facebook, Twitter and the Source to remind customers that gates latch on Wednesday. Sheriffs’ Assistants are scheduled to be on hand in each station two days before latching to assist customers with information, answer questions about latching and help first-time users of TAP vending machines and turnstiles. They will be on hand to provide support from Monday, December 9, 2013 through Sunday, December 15, 2013.  Preparations for Municipal Operators that are affected by gate latching include providing TAP-enabled transfers to agencies for operator distribution to their customers when transferring to the latched stations of Metro Rail. Assistance was also offered to agencies in the development of customer materials. Announcements about the upcoming latching were made in General Manager meetings as well as in TAP Operating Group meetings.  Green Line turnstiles are scheduled to begin latching on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. The Rail Communications Wayside Systems team is working to complete final infrastructure for gate help phone installation at these stations. An update on readiness is expected to be available from this team early next week.  **Expo Light Rail Line Construction Notice**  Full Closure for Rail Installation As part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will implement a full weekend closure in order to install rail across 11th Street. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor *Skanska-Rados Joint Venture (SRJV),* and its subcontractors. Construction activities will take place along 11th Street at Colorado Avenue. The full week closure is scheduled to begin Monday, December 9, 2013 at 5:00 a.m. and continue through 11:00 p.m. Sunday, December 15, 2013. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/120613-EXPO-P2-CONSTRUCTION-NOTICE-Track-Installation-for-11th-Street.pdf).  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice**  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to implement the closures listed below as part of a project that is constructing truck lanes on I-5 between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and the Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14). The closures are scheduled for Sunday, December 8, 2013 through Saturday, December 14, 2013. To view the Caltrans Construction Notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131206_Caltrans_I_5_Truck_Lane_Notice.pdf).  **Procurement Postings For Next Week**  Red Line Heavy Rail Vehicle HVAC Compressor Overhaul (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure services for HVAC compressor overhaul for the Metro Red Line heavy rail vehicles. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, December 9, 2013 through Wednesday, April 30, 2014. Overhaul of the HVAC compressor is required to support the maintenance and repair/overhaul program on Metro’s Red Line A650 Breda cars. The HVAC compressor’s performance is essential in regulating the conditioned space temperature within the passenger compartment of the car. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Mona Ismail, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7376.  P2000/A650 Destination Signs (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Destination Signs for the P2000 Siemens and the A650 Breda Cars. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, December 13, 2013 through Thursday, May 22, 2014. The destination signs under this procurement are needed to replace the existing signs on the Red Line A650 Breda cars and the P2000 Siemens cars. The destination sign system is an essential communication and information system that if not working properly impacts customer relations and passenger service. Any public inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Procurement Planning Administrator at [jacksons@metro.net](mailto:jacksons@metro.net).  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will participate in an interview with APTA’s Passenger Transport Reporter.  I will also attend the “How to Do Business with Metro Workshop,” our Quarterly Legislative Briefing,  Metro’s 18th Annual Holiday “Stuff a Bus” Gift Giving Drive, as well as the Transit Coalition meeting.  In addition, I will have separate meetings with Metro’s Board Chair Diane DuBois, and Los Angeles Sentinel Editor Danny Bakewell. | |
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