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| **Airport Metro Connector Update**  On November 6th, I met with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) on the Airport Metro Connector and LAWA’s Ground Access Program including the Automated People Mover. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain consensus on a path forward for initiating the environmental clearance process to determine how best to connect LAX to the regional rail system. The [attached letter](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131220_Airport_Connector_Letter.pdf), which was sent to FAA and FTA today, documents the path forward and the several points of consensus reached at the meeting. At the January Planning and Programming and Construction Committee meetings, staff will present more detailed information on the path forward.  **Los Angeles Newspaper Group to Cover Metro’s Electric Bus Purchase**  The Los Angeles Newspaper Group is preparing an editorial about BYD Motors and electric bus purchases by Long Beach Transit and Metro. Metro staff explained that the California Air Resources Board will be requiring large transit properties in the state to include zero emission buses in future purchases. Staff noted that Metro is proud of its existing CNG fleet, and looks forward to testing zero emission technology. In addition, the agency also will be monitoring results from Long Beach Transit, which is about a year ahead of Metro in its BYD electric bus procurement. The editorial could run as early as this weekend in a group of Southland newspapers that include the Long Beach Press Telegram as well as the Daily News, Pasadena Star News and other papers owned by Los Angeles Newspaper Group.  **Crenshaw/Lax Transit Project Team Visits the Los Angeles Wave/The Independent Groups**  The Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project outreach team visited the Los Angeles Wave/The Independent Groups to discuss the light rail project in the Crenshaw District and the City of Inglewood. Staff explained the economic benefits that this Measure R project will bring to the region, including increases in construction jobs and construction related careers, and energized commerce for the entire region. A general overview of the construction project was presented indicating how Measure R funds for rail and highways are helping to change the urban landscape of the Los Angeles region. Additionally, staff highlighted job opportunities related to this project as well as other career opportunities at Metro. The Project Labor Agreement was also discussed and staff explained in detail how it works. Also discussed was how the project will affect local business and what Metro is doing to help them through the construction period. A is expected to run next week.  **Expo Light Rail Line Construction Notice**  Waterline Relocation  As part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will begin the relocation of an existing waterline along Venice Boulevard. The work is being managed and performed by the general contractor Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Inc. (BBII) and its subcontractors. Work activities will take place along Venice Boulevard, between Culver Boulevard and National Boulevard. Work is scheduled to begin Sunday, December 22, 2013 through Thursday, January 30, 2014, from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and from 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., Saturday. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/121813-Venice-Blvd-Waterline-Relocation-December-2013.pdf).  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notices**  Between SR-170 to Buena Vista Street  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the following lanes and ramps of the Golden State Freeway (I-5) as part of a $121 million improvement project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes in each direction along I-5 between SR-170 to Buena Vista Street. Closures are scheduled to begin Sunday, December 22, 2013 and continue through Friday, December 27, 2013. To view the Caltrans construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131220_Caltrans_I_5_SR170.pdf).  Between Magnolia Blvd. to SR-134  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the following lanes, ramps, and connectors of the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and the Ventura Freeway (SR-134) as part of a $57.8 million improvement project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes in each direction along I-5 between SR-134 and Magnolia Boulevard. Closures are scheduled to beginSaturday December 21, 2013 and continue through Saturday December 28, 2013. To view the Caltrans construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131220_Caltrans_I_5_Magnolia.pdf).  Between SR-118 to SR-170  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implement closures as part of a project that is constructing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Closures are scheduled to begin Monday, December 23, 2013 and continue through Tuesday, December 24, 2013. To view the Caltrans construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131220_Caltrans_I_5_Arleta_1.pdf).  **Procurement Postings** LAFD Regulation 4 Fire Testing (RFP) Metro has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure LAFD Regulation 4 Fire Testing. This procurement will ensure that Metro’s elevators are in compliance with LAFD Regulation 4 and that proper documentation has been provided to all parties. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run through Monday, January 20, 2014. All inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Metro’s Tamara Reid, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7215. Hyperion Software Implementation Services (RFP) Metro has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Hyperion Software Implementation services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run through Wednesday, April 30, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Mark Lu, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4689. SR-60/I-605 Project Study Report – Project Development Support (RFP) Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week for an Architectural and Engineering qualifications based procurement to prepare a Project Study Report-Project Development Support for the State Route 60/Interstate 605 Corridor. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, December 23, 2013 through Monday, April 7, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aielyn Dumaua, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7320.  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will participate in the Annual Metro Holiday Employee Breakfast event. | |
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