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| **Thursday, December 26, 2013 131226-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Funding for Intercity Rail Project on Ventura Subdivision**  **Interstate 5 Caltrans Construction Notice**  **Interstate 5 Caltrans Construction Notice** |
| **Funding for Intercity Rail Project on Ventura Subdivision**  Caltrans has programmed $7 million of Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) funds for the Burbank Bob Hope Airport Station Pedestrian Grade Separation, providing a grade separated connection between the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (RITC) and the adjacent Bob Hope Airport Station. This will enhance the connection to the Amtrak and Metrolink passenger rail service along the Ventura Line by providing an efficient and safe train to plane connection. Furthermore, the addition of this structure will provide significant safety enhancements by grade separating the existing tracks and eliminating two pedestrian at-grade crossings.    **Caltrans Opens Bids for I-10 HOV Lanes Project**  Caltrans opened bids recently for the I-10 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes from Puente Avenue to Citrus Avenue Project. The apparent low bidder was about 2.3% under the engineer’s estimate. The Project will widen the freeway to provide an HOV lane in each direction for four centerline miles through the community of West Covina. Caltrans expects to award the contract in January and have the contract approved in February. This is the second segment of the Project to close the HOV lanes gap from the I-605 freeway to Route 57 that has existed for many years. Caltrans and Metro celebrated the opening of the first segment, I-605 to Puente Avenue, last week. The third segment from Citrus Avenue to Route 57 is expected to be advertised in the Summer of 2014.  **Interstate 5 Caltrans Construction Notice**  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has scheduled a full freeway closure on the Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) between Norwalk Boulevard and Carmenita Road, and a full closure of the southbound I-605 connector to southbound I-5 for to conduct work on the Silverbow Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing (POC). The work involves demolishing the stairway leading up to the Silverbow Avenue POC. The POC will remain fully closed while crews construct temporary stairs. Work is scheduled to begin on Sunday, December 29, 2013 and continue through Monday, December 30, 2013, from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. To view the complete Caltrans construction notice, please click here.  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131226_Caltrans_I_5_Closure.pdf> | |
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