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| **Metro's Mobile App Reaches 200,000 Download Milestone**Our mobile application, Go Metro Version 2.0, has been downloaded over 200,000 times by mobile customers. Launched in April of 2012, the app has been downloaded over 100,000 times by Android devices, and over 120,000 times by iPhone/iPad devices. Additionally, 15% of all Apple downloads are from international customers (top countries: Canada, Australia, Germany, UK, France), while 7% of all Android downloads are from international customers (top countries: Korea, Australia, UK, Mexico, Canada). A new update of the app will be available to customers the week of June 24, 2013 with these improvements: Nextrip Rail Info (real-time rail arrivals), June 2013 'shake-up' schedules, larger walking distance option (a customer request), and some user interface revisions. Communications will also begin work on Version 3.0 (brand new version) of the app in July 2013, with a tentative release for Spring 2014. The app integrates data, design, functionality, and real-time news from many Metro departments: Service Development & Performance Analysis, Creative Services Design Studio, Customer Relations, COO's Office, Construction Relations, Metro Library, Media Relations, and Bicycle Planning. The app is designed and managed by Communications Web & Mobile Group and developed by Axiom xCell, a mobile developer in San Diego, CA. [Download and learn more about Metro’s mobile app.](http://www.metro.net/mobile/metro-mobile-app/)**Go Metro to Chinatown Summer Nights Events**Starting this Saturday, June 15, 2013, Chinatown Summer Nights will commence. On the third Saturday of each month, Chinatown Summer Nights will bring offerings in food and entertainment. Go Metro to this Saturday’s event and get an exclusive gift when you show your TAP card. To read the complete story as posted on The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/06/12/chinatown-summer-nights-return-june-15/).[**http://thesource.metro.net/2013/06/12/chinatown-summer-nights-return-june-15/**](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/06/12/chinatown-summer-nights-return-june-15/)**Procurement Postings for Next Week**Westside Subway Extension Project – Advanced Utility Relocations (Fairfax Station) (IFB) Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure services to relocate utilities in advance of the Westside Subway Extension Project. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 14, 2013 through October 2, 2013. The work generally includes the relocation of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) water lines and installation of LADWP underground power duct banks (for power cable relocation by LADWP) in the vicinity of Wilshire Boulevard/ Fairfax Avenue. This work is required, as the existing water and power services are in conflict with the future Westside Subway Extension Project, Wilshire/Fairfax Station construction. Metro’s Project Labor Agreement (PLA) will apply to this project. The resultant Contract, if awarded, will be federally funded and is subject to fiscal year funding. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sonia Gomez, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7247.Gateway Building Generator Additions and Upgrades Re-Bid (IFB)Procurement will release Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the re-bid of the solicitation for the Gateway Building Generator Additions and Upgrades. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 25, 2013 through September 20, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Kenneth Takahashi, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1047.**Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**Next week, I will attend the InfraAmericas 9th Annual US P3 Infrastructure Forum in New York City. Also, I will also attend the Gate Latching/TAP press conference, Meet the Buyers event, Mobility 21 meeting, Regionwide CEO meeting and the Metrolink CEO’s meeting. Lastly, I will meet with Metro Board Chair Michael Antonovich and attend our monthly committee meetings.  |
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