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| **Monday, October 28, 2013 131028-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Crenshaw/LAX Economic Summit Attended by over 300 Small, Minority and Female Owned Businesses**  **Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice** |
| **Crenshaw/LAX Business Opportunities Summit Attended by over 300 Small, Minority and Female Owned Businesses**  Today, I joined Metro Board Members Mark Ridley-Thomas and Jackie Dupont-Walker, LA Sentinel Publisher Danny Bakewell and the Crenshaw/LAX Community Leadership Council for Metro’s Crenshaw/Lax Business Opportunities Summit at the California African American Museum in Exposition Park. The purpose of the event was to inform the Crenshaw and Inglewood business corridor communities about the business and employment opportunities available as a part of the construction of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, a Measure R project. The event emcee was Beverly White of KNBC Los Angeles. More than 300 small, minority and women owned businesses, as well as job seekers, attended the summit to explore opportunities with Metro and the project contractor. Additionally, over 50 new vendors were added to Metro’s vendor registration database. Metro was well represented by staff from several departments, including Metro’s Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) and Human Resources, to inform attendees about the vast opportunities with the agency. In addition, several media outlets covered the event including KCBS/KCAL, NTDTV (Chinese TV station), LA Sentinel, Building Trades News, Morningside Park Chronicle, Our Weekly, Wave Newspapers, and ANTV (USC-Annenberg School of Journalism). Stories are expected to run today and throughout the week. To view photos from the event, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131028_Metro_economic_summit_pictures.pdf). To view the complete story as posted on The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/10/28/more-than-300-small-business-owners-attended-crenshaw-summit-today/).  [**http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB\_Attachments/131028\_Metro\_economic\_summit\_pictures.pdf**](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131028_Metro_economic_summit_pictures.pdf)  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131028_Metro_economic_summit_pictures.pdf>  <http://thesource.metro.net/2013/10/28/more-than-300-small-business-owners-attended-crenshaw-summit-today/>  **Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice**  Bridge Falsework Removal  As part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will temporarily close Sawtelle Boulevard between Exposition Boulevard and Pico Boulevard for bridge falsework removal in the City of Los Angeles. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor *Skanska-Rados, Joint Venture (SRJV)* and its subcontractors. Construction crews will remove all falsework and steel forms as the support for the cast-in-place concrete bridge that will span over Sawtelle Boulevard. Construction will take place across Sawtelle Boulevard along the Expo Right-of Way (ROW), just south of Pico Boulevard. Work is scheduled to begin on Sunday, November 3, 2013 and continue through Thursday, November 21, 2013, from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/102113-EXPO-CONSTRUCTION-NOTICE-Sawtelle-Boulevard-Bridge-Falsework-Removal.pdf).  <http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/102113-EXPO-CONSTRUCTION-NOTICE-Sawtelle-Boulevard-Bridge-Falsework-Removal.pdf> | |
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