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| **LA Times, Wave Newspapers Asked About the Hiring of African Americans Workers for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project**  Today, reporters from Los Angeles Times and Wave Newspapers inquired about job hiring for the construction of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project. Metro staff provided them with background information on the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) and then explained that Metro can’t hire construction workers based on ethnicity since this a federally funded project. However, it was indicated that Metro has implemented the PLA and began an extensive outreach program to let Crenshaw and Inglewood residents know how they can participate. Staff also mentioned the Economic Summit to be held on Monday, October 28, 2013 at the California African American Museum. It was also noted that Metro is working with the Black Workers Center, Crenshaw Leadership Council and other local organizations. Articles may run over the weekend.  **Southbound I-405 Freeway Closure Between Santa Monica Boulevard and National Boulevard Planned Friday Night, September 6, 2013**  The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements contractor will be adjusting K-rail and shifting freeway lanes to the west Friday night, September 6, 2013. This will require a full southbound directional freeway closure from Santa Monica Boulevard to National Boulevard from 12:00 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning.  Detour  The detour route for the full Southbound I-405 closure from Santa Monica Boulevard to National Boulevard on-ramp is as follows:   * Exit Southbound Santa Monica off-ramp, east on Santa Monica Boulevard, south on Sepulveda Boulevard, West on National Boulevard to the Southbound I-405 on-ramp.   Emergency vehicle access will be maintained.  For additional project information or to obtain detour maps, visit [www.metro.net/405](http://www.metro.net/405).  Follow the project on social media at [www.facebook.com/405project](http://www.facebook.com/405project) and <http://twitter.com/I_405>. For real-time traffic conditions, visit Caltrans web site at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov>.  **Coliseum Traffic Alert for Saturday, September 7, 2013**  To better clear the streets of the Coliseum area following the USC home football game this Saturday, September 7, 2013, three street segments are being closed to through traffic and a portion of the I-110 ExpressLanes is being opened to all motorists. Beginning at 10:00 p.m. and lasting until 12:00 a.m., Figueroa Street between Exposition Boulevard and Martin Luther King Boulevard will be closed to through traffic. Exposition Boulevard from Vermont Avenue to Figueroa Street will be closed. Also, Martin Luther King Boulevard from Vermont Avenue to Figueroa Street will be closed. The I-110 Metro ExpressLanes beginning at 28th Street/Flower and 39th Street are open to all motorists, even if they do not have a transponder. Motorists may drive all the way to Manchester Avenue toll free. Regular ExpressLanes rules apply for any motorist remaining in the lanes after Manchester. You don’t need a transponder to participate in the special post-game offer, which applies to all USC home games beginning in the fourth quarter and lasting until two hours after the game ends. If you want to open a FasTrak account and get an ExpressLanes transponder, you can sign up at the bright green van called MEL located just outside the Coliseum on Exposition Park Drive during all home games. Sign up with MEL on game day and receive a $5 credit. ExpressLanes on I-110 require solo drivers and registered carpools to have a transponder that registers tolls along segments of the roadway. The California Highway Patrol enforces Metro ExpressLanes. For the complete article as posted on The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/09/05/coliseum-traffic-alert-for-saturday-september-7/).  **Division 13 Construction Notice**  Street Repairs, Conduit and Vault Installation  As part of the ongoing construction activities for the Metro Division 13 Bus Maintenance and Operations Facility Project, the Contractor will perform street repairs (potholing work), conduit/vault installation and other related work along Cesar E. Chavez Avenue and the Cesar Chavez Avenue & Vignes Street intersection. This activity requires weekend daytime street closures of Cesar Chavez Avenue between Vignes Street and Mission Road, and weeknight lane closures of Vignes Street, north of Cesar Chavez Avenue. The closures will continue on weekends and weeknights through mid-October. Weekend street closure begins Saturday, September 7, 2013 from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and on Sunday, September 8, 2013 from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The weeknight lane closures will occur from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the next day. For the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130906_Cesar_Chavez_Closure_September_October_2013.pdf).  **Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Construction Notice**  As part of advance utility relocation activities Metro’s contractor, Metro Builders, is  anticipated to begin another phase of work on Crenshaw Boulevard at 67th St. This phase of the sewer relocation work is anticipated to begin Tuesday, September 10, 2013, lasting  approximately 6 weeks. Work activities will include installing new 18-inch VCP sewer and  manholes, abandoning and capping in place the existing VCP sanitary sewer lines. The construction project will require lane closures on Crenshaw Boulevard Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and Saturday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. if weather permits. For the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130906_Relo_Sewe__Crenshaw_67th_St_09_10_13.pdf).  **Procurement Postings for Next Week**  Patsaouras Plaza Busway Pavers, Storm Drain and Traffic Improvement Project (RFP)  Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP), a solicitation to obtain a contractor to design, provide procurement assistance, and construction management services for the Patsaouras Plaza Busway Pavers, Storm Drain, and Traffic Improvement Project. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, September 12, 2013 through Friday, January 31, 2014. 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 travel to Washington DC with Metro Chair Diane DuBois. Also, I will meet with Metro Director Jackie Dupont-Walker and attend our Quarterly Legislative Briefing. | |
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