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| **Wednesday, September 11, 2013 130911-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Newly Ordered Metro Buses Will Come Equipped With Q’POD Securement System**  **Notice of Results: Accelerated Regional Transportation Improvements Project Request for Qualifications**  **Metro 10K Run – 5K Walk and Kid’s Fun Run on Saturday, September 28, 2013** |
| **Newly Ordered Metro Buses Will Come Equipped With Q’POD Securement System**  Our agency currently boards more than [80,000 wheelchair passengers](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/07/08/metros-ada-ridership-growing-rapidly/) a month, and the new CNG New Flyer buses we have ordered will make getting around on Metro Bus even easier and safer for wheelchair riders. The new buses will come with two Q’PODs, a three-point securement system which makes securing front-facing wheelchairs easier. This will hopefully encourage more wheelchair passengers to choose securement when riding. For those who prefer otherwise, the new buses will also offer 2 rear-facing wheelchair positions that will allow wheelchair passengers to ride safely without securement. Metro will be the first transportation agency in the nation to offer 2 rear-facing wheelchair areas on buses. These new buses will begin entering service early next year. For the complete article as posted on The Source, which includes a press release by the Q’POD manufacturer Q’Straint, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/09/10/newly-ordered-metro-buses-will-come-equipped-with-qpod/).  **Notice of Results: Accelerated Regional Transportation Improvements Project Request for Qualifications**  Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the respondent teams that have been selected to participate in the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for Contract Number P3-2210-01 to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the Accelerated Regional Transportation Improvements Project (“ARTI Project”) through a public-private partnership (P3) agreement.   * Accelerate LA * Accelerate Los Angeles * LA Accelerated Mobility Partners * LA Mobility Partners   The California Department of Transportation and our agency appreciate the interest shown by the respondents who submitted Statements of Qualifications.  **Metro 10K Run – 5K Walk and Kid’s Fun Run on Saturday, September 28, 2013**  Come participate in the 2013 Metro Fun Run! You can compete in a 6 mile run (10k) or a 3 mile walk (5k) and you are encouraged to bring your kids to run the 2 mile fun run as well. If you are interested in participating, please contact Leticia Sanchez via email [sanchezl@metro.net](mailto:sanchezl@metro.net) or by phone at (213) 922-2635 to pre-register. To view the event flyer, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130911_MTA_10k_5k_Kids_Fun_Run_2013.pdf). | |
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