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| **Metro Media Event Previews Union Station 75th Anniversary and Amtrak National Train Day Celebration**This morning at Track 15, Metro hosted a Union Station 75th Anniversary media preview of events scheduled for this Saturday, May 3, 2014. Metro Board Chair Diane DuBois and Metro CEO Art Leahy spoke from the back of a vintage rail car, as did Metro Board members Jacqueline Dupont-Walker and Ara Najarian, Michael Dwyer from Amtrak, Metrolink Board Chair Larry McCallon, Metrolink Board Member Richard Katz, Camille Lowry from the Annenberg Foundation, and Seymour Rosen and Jim Kaspar, both of whom attended the opening of Union Station in 1939. There were swing dancers, singers and a few fourth graders from Utah Street Elementary School, who showed up to share their dreams of what the Union Station of the future should look like. Media in attendance included NBC4, ABC7, Univision 34, KNX1070, Downtown News, Unidos Newspaper and Singtao Daily. Stories are expected to run over the next few days.**Long Beach Transit Now on TAP**TAP welcomes Long Beach Transit to its network of partners. Today, Long Beach Transit’s TAP enabled bus fleet went “live,” offering riders the choice to pay their fare with TAP instead of paper passes or cash. Riders simply tap their card on the TAP mobile validator as they board the bus, listen for the beep and watch for the green screen that shows that their card is valid. Riders can purchase Long Beach regular, Senior/Disabled, Student, Stored Value and EZ transit passes at taptogo.net, the Transit & Visitor Information Center in downtown Long Beach, and at select TAP pass sales outlets. Stored Value can be purchased at any rail station TAP Vending Machine to pay per ride. Fourteen additional transit agencies will be joining TAP this year including Glendale, Pasadena and Santa Monica. Current TAP partners include: Access Services, Antelope Valley Transit Authority, Culver City, Foothill, Gardena, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Metro, Metrolink, Montebello, Norwalk, Santa Clarita, Torrance, and now Long Beach.     **First Segment of Northbound I-405 HOV Lane Opens**Early this morning, Kiewit Infrastructure West completed lane restriping and freeway sign installation work needed to open an initial 2.4-mile section of northbound 405 carpool lane between the Santa Monica Freeway and Wilshire Boulevard. The remaining 7.5-mile lane segment extending to the 101 freeway in the San Fernando Valley, however, still remains under construction. The contractor has been conducting a series of nighttime northbound freeway closures to get the entire lane through West L.A. and the Sepulveda Pass ready for public opening. Carpool vehicles traveling on the existing northbound carpool lane at the I-10 freeway will notice new striping and “HOV Lane” signs for the first time. Metro, Caltrans and Kiewit anticipate the whole 10-mile stretch of new carpool lane will open next month. An exact opening date has not been finalized, but progress is clearly being made and the full lane opening is in sight. **I-405** **Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Construction Notice**Permanent Striping, Electrical, Drainage, Concrete Barrier and K-rail Removal WorkThe I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project contractor is planning to conduct four consecutive nighttime closures of the northbound I-405 between Wilshire Boulevard and Greenleaf Street. Closures are scheduled to begin the night of Monday, April 28, 2014 and continue nightly through Friday, May 2, 2014 from 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. The closure will facilitate permanent striping of general purpose lanes, electrical, drainage, concrete barrier, and k-rail removal work. To view the construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140428_I-405.pdf).  |
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