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| **Metro Matchmaking Summit Connecting Local Small Businesses and Prime Contractors**  On Thursday, August 7, 2014, Metro hosted the first ever Metro to Crenshaw/LAX Small Business Matchmaking Summit.The Summitconnected over 300 greater South Los Angeles and Inglewood area small businesses to 30 of the region’s largest Prime Contractors and Business Service Providers. This effort continues an initiative begun last year, in conjunction with the Crenshaw/LAX Community Leadership Council and Sentinel Newspaper, to bring Metro resources and decision makers into direct contact with local small, women and minority owned businesses in greater South Los Angeles.    After an opening workshop on “Perfecting Your 15 Second ‘Elevator Pitch’”, small business men and women were afforded valuable, 6 minute, face-to-face time to market their businesses to two prime contractors. Further, Metro staff presented workshops on the broad range of economic support available to participants, including the “Small Business Set-Aside Program” and “How to do Business with Metro.”  An additional workshop was presented by Business Resource Providers, such as West Angeles Community Development Corporation and the City of Los Angeles’ Economic and Workforce Development Department. As added encouragement, two successful small, women and minority sub-contractors shared their success stories with Summit participants. In attendance were Director Jackie Dupont Walker and staff representatives from the offices of Director Mark Ridley-Thomas, Assemblyman Steven Bradford, and Councilmember Curran Price.  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notices**  Between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and the SR-14 The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implement closures as part of a project to construct truck lanes on I-5 between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and the Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14). Closures are scheduled to begin Sunday, August 10, 2014 and continue through Friday, August 15, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans Notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140808_I_5_Truck_Lanes.pdf).  Between SR-118 and SR-170 The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implement closures as part of a project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Closures are scheduled to occur from Sunday, August 10, 2014 through Saturday, August 16, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans Notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140808_I_5_HOV_Improvements.pdf).  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week I will be meeting with Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency, Brian Kelly as well as attending legislative meetings in Sacramento.  Lastly, I will also meet with staff from Metrolink, Mobility 21, California High Speed Rail, County and Regional Transportation CEOs, and I will be participating in a Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN) conference call. | |
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