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| **Thursday, August 21, 2014 140821-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Regional Connector Transit Project Construction Notice**  **Metro and Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce Host Small Business Mixer**  **City of Beverly Hills Approves MOA, Permits for Metro for Purple Line Extension Utility Work** |
| **Regional Connector Transit Project Construction Notice**  Installation of Electrical Vaults  As part of the advanced relocation of utilities for the construction of station boxes and tunnels to pave the way for the Regional Connector Transit Project, a closure will be implemented on 2nd Street between Spring Street and Broadway. The four-week closure is scheduled to be in place for 24-hours a day beginning Saturday, August 23, 2014 to facilitate the installation of electrical vaults on 2nd Street to support the construction of the 2nd Street/Broadway Station. Work activities will take place 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sundays. Barriers will be placed to safely separate the work area from traffic during the closure. For the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/news/simple_pr/four-week-full-street-closure-planned-downtown-los/).  **Metro and Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce Host Small Business Mixer**  On Tuesday, August 19, 2014, Metro staff from the Diversity & Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) and Construction Relations participated in the Crenshaw/LAX quarterly small business mixer jointly hosted by Metro and the Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce. The highlight of the event was a presentation from Linda B. Wright, Executive Officer, DEOD, showcasing our Small Business Programs, including the groundbreaking Small Business Set-Aside Program and the soon to be implemented Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) Program. City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department General Manager Jan Perry also provided a summary of small business services offered by the City. The President of the Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce, Armen Ross, discussed efforts being undertaken by the Chamber to better the community. Representatives from the offices of Metro First Vice Chair and County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, U.S. Congresswoman Karen Bass and Governor Jerry Brown, participated in the mixer.  **City of Beverly Hills Approves MOA, Permits for Metro for Purple Line Extension Utility Work**  On Tuesday, August 19, 2014, The Beverly Hills City Council unanimously approved a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and authorized its staff to issue permits to Metro to relocate utilities for the Purple Line Extension’s future station at Wilshire/La Cienega. The unanimous 5 to 0 vote is the result of months of close coordination between Metro and the City of Beverly Hills. This will allow Metro to move forward with its planned pre-construction work within the city’s borders. Metro will now be able to relocate water, power, sewer and other utility lines once a contractor for the Wilshire/La Cienega station advanced utility work is selected. Relocating the utilities now will ensure that area residents and businesses will be able to continue to receive service once actual construction begins for the Wilshire/La Cienega station. For the complete story as posted on The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2014/08/20/city-of-beverly-hills-approves-metro-construction-permits-moa-for-purple-line-utility-work/). | |
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