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| **Behind-The-Scenes Look at Artwork for New Metro Rail Stations**  The Source has released the seventh issue in a series of stories highlighting artists and their fabrication process for the seven new stations along the Expo Line Phase 2 between Culver City and downtown Santa Monica. This issue introduces the artwork of artist Carmen Argote, which will be featured at the 17th Street/Santa Monica College Station. Her original artwork, *What You Wear, What You Wore,* began as photographs and transformed into panels of clothing representing commuters and the commute. The various station artworks will create a welcoming environment for future riders and connect the stations to surrounding neighborhoods. For photos and the complete story as posted on The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2014/12/04/sneak-peek-into-fabrication-process-for-artwork-at-expo-lines-17th-streetsmc-station/).  **Blue Line Refurbishment Update**  This weekend Metro is due to conclude work at both the Pacific Coast Highway and Anaheim Metro Blue Line stations. This coming Monday, December 8, 2014 efforts move on to the Artesia Station that is slated to receive a new tile floor, lighting, monitors and paint. Work is scheduled to be complete by Thursday, January 15, 2015. To meet this completion date, work will be continuous (24/7) with breaks over the Christmas and New Year’s holidays. The station will remain open on weekdays. During the weekend closures, a bus shuttle will be available from the Compton Station for all patrons who need to access the Artesia Station. Passengers traveling through in either direction will not need to exit the train. For more information and complete details on the Blue Line refurbishment projects, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/projects/blue-line-upgrades/).  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice**  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, December 7, 2014 through Friday, December 12, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141205_Caltrans_HOV_Connector.pdf).  **Pr****ocurement Postings** Metro Rideshare Program Support (RFP) Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on December 1, 2014 to obtain professional services in support of Metro’s Rideshare Program. The objective of the work is to promote multi-modality programs and services and reduce single occupant vehicle trips, especially at worksites with regulated mobile source emissions. This work will also focus on improving commuter mobility by providing commute information and services to increase transit ridership, carpooling, vanpooling, walking and bicycling to work. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, December 1, 2014 through Monday, April 6, 2015. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Mildred Martinez-Lopez, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1105.  Replacement of Emergency Generators at Mt. Washington and Rio Hondo Radio Stations (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure the services of a General Contractor to provide and install new backup generator units which will provide emergency power to Mt. Washington and Rio Hondo Radio Stations. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, December 15, 2014 through Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Elizabeth Hernandez, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7334.  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will be interviewed as the first train is pulled onto the tracks of the Foothill Gold Line Extension for clearance testing, a major milestone of the project. I will participate in a panel discussion titled “Planes, Trains, and Automobiles: Moving the California Economy” at the UCLA Anderson Forecast Conference and attend a meeting with President William A. Covino of Cal State University Los Angeles. I will also be meeting with Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino and providing him with a tour of Union Station. Lastly, I will be attending a welcoming reception for the two new Los Angeles County Supervisors Hilda L. Solis and Sheila Kuehl. | |
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