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| **Thursday, December 11, 2014 141211-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Take a Video Trip on the Gold Line Foothill Extension**  **CTC Allocates Funds for Highway, Rail, and Active Transportation Upgrade Projects**  **Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice**  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice** |
| **Take a Video Trip on the Gold Line Foothill Extension**  **A video was recently released by the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority of a complete ride upon the tracks beginning about a mile east of the Gold Line’s Sierra Madre Villa Station in Pasadena and passing through all six new stations to Azusa. The video was shot using a hi-rail vehicle over several days in October and November. Track work was completed this fall and clearance testing with a light rail vehicle began earlier this week. For the video and the complete story as posted on The Source, please click** [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2014/12/11/go-for-a-video-ride-on-the-gold-line-foothill-extension-from-arcadia-to-azusa/)**.**  **CTC Allocates Funds for Highway, Rail, and Active Transportation Upgrade Projects**  **Over $254 million has been allocated by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for 41 transportation projects that will upgrade safety and mobility throughout the state, which includes $3.4 million for locally-administered Active Transportation Program projects that encourage biking and walking. A portion of these funds will help purchase diesel-electric locomotives, bi-level passenger rail cars and improve intercity rail service. For the complete Caltrans press release, please click** [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141211_Caltrans_CTC_Allocates_Funds.pdf)**.**  **Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice**  Utility Work As part of construction of the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) facility for the Expo Light Rail Line work crews will implement temporary lane closures on Stewart Street between Olympic Boulevard and Delaware Avenue for Utility work. The work is being managed and performed by the O&M Facility contractor Kiewit Building Group, Inc.and its subcontractors. Closures are scheduled to occur from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2014, 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 through Saturday December 20, 2014. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/12082014-EXPO-P2-CONSTRUCTION-NOTICE-Stewart-St.-Lane-Closures.pdf).  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice**  Between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct a series of freeway improvements between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street as part of the I-5/Empire Project in Burbank. Construction activities and closures are scheduled to occur Monday, December 15, 2014 through Friday, December 19, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice and a special closure notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141211_I5_Empire_Project.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, December 14, 2014 through Friday, December 19, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141211_I5_SR118_SR170.pdf). | |
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