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| **Tuesday, February 4, 2014 140204-1**  **In this Issue:**  **CTC Allocates $15 Million for Two Significant Regional Rail Projects**  **Crenshaw/ LAX Transit Project Construction Notice**  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice** |
| **CTC Allocates $15 Million for Two Significant Regional Rail Projects**    Last week, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated $8.5 million in Proposition 1A high speed rail connectivity funds for the Southern California Regional Rail Authority’s High-Speed Readiness Program. The High-Speed Readiness program will increase Metrolink service levels to support and compliment planned increases in ridership as well as connectivity to the future high-speed rail system. The $8.5 million allocation is part of an $89 million investment of connectivity funds allocated through Senate Bill 1029 (Budget Act of 2013) to repower and/or purchase 20 to 30 stronger, faster, and greener locomotives, and recondition and improve passenger cars.  Additionally, the CTC allocated $6.5 million for the final engineering of the Raymer to Bernson Second Track Project. This project will add a second track to the Metrolink Ventura Line between Van Nuys and Chatsworth. This is the last segment of the LOSSAN Corridor, the second busiest intercity passenger rail corridor in the U.S., in Los Angeles County that is single tracked. The addition of the second track will allow more efficient throughput of trains resulting in less locomotive idling and an overall reduction in emissions. As part of this project, a second platform will be added at the Northridge Station and nine at-grade crossings will be enhanced with state of the art design and equipment. Metro will be issuing a Request for Proposals for final engineering later in February.  **Crenshaw/ LAX Transit Project Construction Notice**  Tree Removal  As part of the construction of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors will implement intermittent lane closures along Crenshaw Boulevard to facilitate tree removal. Trees will be removed on private property at the northeast corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Rodeo Road in preparation of upcoming construction activities of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project and the underground station. This site is the location of the upcoming Crenshaw/Exposition construction yard and station area. Work activities are scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2014 and Friday, February 7, 2014, between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140204_Crenshaw_LAX_Construction.pdf).  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice**  Between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and 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 Tuesday, February 4, 2014 and continue through Saturday, February 8, 2014. To view the Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140204_Caltrans_Notice.pdf). | |
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