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| **Wednesday, February 12, 2014 140212-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Los Angeles Times to Run a Story on Fare Evasion**  **I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Construction Notice** |
| **Los Angeles Times to Run a Story on Fare Evasion**  Today, two reporters from the Los Angeles Times met with Metro Media Relations, Operations, TAP and Scheduling staff for a story they are working on about fare evasion on the Metro system in general, and the Orange Line in particular. For their story and analysis, the reporters requested the raw number of TAP entries from the estimated number of riders, published monthly as a six month rolling average. Staff explained that raw data on TAP entries is only one part of an equation; without all elements accounted for, an incomplete picture of fare evasion would be captured. Taps to ridership analysis fails to consider “misuse of TAP,” a scenario where riders have a loaded TAP Card with paid fare on it, but have failed to tap. Three fare enforcement audits of the Orange Line were recently conducted, and preliminary data indicates that targeted fare enforcement had positive effects on the number of passengers who buy fare and tap their cards. A Times photographer took photos of Sheriff’s deputies on fare enforcement duty Wednesday morning on the Red Line. We anticipate that a story could be published within days.  **I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Construction Notice**  Lane Realignment, Restriping and Roadway Widening  A full closure of the southbound I-405 between Getty Center Drive and Wilshire Boulevard will be implemented to accommodate shifting lanes westerly and restriping to make room for widening work at the freeway median. The closure is scheduled to begin Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 11:59 p.m., and continue through 5:00 a.m., February 14, 2014. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140212_405_Notice.pdf). | |
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