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| **Metro Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project to Hold Open House for New Airport Integrated Project Management Office**  Metro and Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC) are inviting the community to an open house for the new Airport Integrated Project Management Office (IPMO) to be held Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 9323 Bellanca Avenue, Los Angeles 90045. Community residents, property owners, business owners and merchants along the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project alignment are invited to learn how Metro and the contractor WSCC staff teams are collaborating, designing and beginning to build the 8.5-mile, $2.058 billion light-rail project that will extend from Crenshaw and Exposition boulevards to the Metro Green Line and includes eight new stations. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony, entertainment by the Crenshaw High School Jazz Band, refreshments and a raffle.  **Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony I-605 Freeway Soundwall Project**  This morning, Metro Board Chair Diane DuBois, Board Director Don Knabe and Deputy Chief Executive Officer Lindy Lee held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a soundwall on Interstate 605 in the City of Whittier. Also in attendance was a representative for Assemblymember Ian Calderon, Caltrans District 7 Construction Division Branch Deputy Mark Archuleta, Mayor of the City of Whittier Bob Henderson, City Manager for the City of Whittier Jeff Collier, and California Highway Patrol Captain Dave Moller. This project consisted of approximately 3 miles of soundwalls including the widening of two bridges on the northbound and southbound of I-605 freeway from north of Slauson Avenue to south of Obregon Street in the City of Whittier and unincorporated County areas. This long-awaited soundwall will provide noise mitigation to nearby residents along the I-605 freeway. Media coverage included Channel 18, NTD Global TV Network and City News Service.  **Patsaouras Plaza Waterproofing and Landscape Renovation**  The Patsaouras Plaza Waterproofing and Landscape Renovation will begin Tuesday, March 18, 2014 with anticipated completion by May 30, 2014. Renovation includes landscaping and related waterproofing, irrigation and electrical infrastructure upgrades. Project renovation will include removal of most of the existing vegetation and replace with drought tolerant plants. Trees that are still healthy will be replanted. The waterproof membrane in all of the planter boxes will be replaced. The soil will be replaced or amended along with slope reconstruction. Erosion control measures will be installed to ensure that soil is not lost to erosion in the future. The sprinkler and lighting systems will be replaced with a computerized drip system and vandal proof lighting. The entire project will retain the beauty of the original design concept for the plaza along with protecting the supporting structure and help improve the condition of the entire gateway complex by reversing years of deterioration caused by deferred maintenance. To view examples of the improvements, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140314_PatsaourasRenovation.pdf).  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notices**  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 Sunday, March 16, 2014 and continue through Saturday, March 22, 2014. To view the Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140314_I_5_Truck_Lane.pdf).  Between SR-118 to SR-170  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to implement the closures listed below as part of a project that is constructing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Closures are scheduled to begin Sunday, March 16, 2014 and continue through Friday, March 21, 2014. To view the Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140314_I_5_Arleta.pdf).  **Procurement Posting** Gateway Building Elevator and Escalator Review Services (RFP) Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure Gateway Building Elevator and Escalator Review Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, March 20, 2014 through Saturday, May 31, 2014. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority requires the services of an Elevator and Escalator Contractor to review compliance with the current elevator and escalator maintenance contract. The Contractor shall also provide services related to potential elevator and escalator upgrades and modernization. The current elevator and escalator maintenance contract provides service to nineteen elevators and four escalators in the Gateway Building. The reviews will include mechanical evaluation and adherence to performance criteria and report summarization. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Kenneth Takahashi, Principle Contract Administrator at [Takahashik@metro.net](mailto:Takahashik@metro.net).  Workers Compensation Investigations Services (RFP)  Metro has released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to establish a panel of qualified Workers’ Compensation Investigation Firms to conduct as-needed Workers’ Compensation Investigations, identification and detection of insurance fraud and/or abuse within open Metro Workers’ Compensation Claims as outlined in the Statement of Work. The Panel will consist of up to 25 Contracts. A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 10% has been established. The procurement blackout period is expected to run through Monday, June 9, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Phyllis Walker, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-6121. Metro Orange Line (MOL) Recycled Water Pipe Installation- Design-Bid Build (IFB) Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the construction and installation of approximately 600 feet of new recycled water pipes (purple pipes) along a portion of the Metro Orange Line (MOL) at Kestner Avenue. The proposed recycled water line will connect to the City of Los Angeles existing recycled water meters located at the south side of the busway running east and west along the busway’s existing landscape area of Kestner Avenue. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, March 17, 2014 through Thursday, July 31, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Nancy Felix, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7011.  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will have breakfast with Metro Board Chair Diane DuBois and mayors from 35 cities, attend a preliminary FY15 Budget review meeting, tour the Blue Line with City of Compton Mayor Aja Brown, give a presentation at Loyola Marymount University, and attend our Committee Meetings. Also, I will participate in separate meetings with staff from Metrolink and Mobility 21. Lastly, I will attend the Regionwide CEOs meeting and participate in a LOSSAN conference call. | |
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