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| **Metro Hosts Breakfast Meeting with Los Angeles County Mayors**  This morning, together with Board Chair Diane DuBois, I was pleased to host 30 Mayors from cities across Los Angeles County for a breakfast meeting. Metro Directors Ara Najarian and Pam O'Connor were in attendance as representatives from their respective cities. It was a positive meeting and provided an opportunity to discuss how we deliver new projects that have been promised, build consensus toward a possible future ballot measure, the new proposed fare structure and more. It was also an opportunity to introduce several of our executive team members including Nalini Ahuja, Debra Johnson, Bryan Pennington, Martha Welborne, and Stephanie Wiggins who each spoke briefly. There were follow-up questions on a range of topics including our budget, funding streams, unfunded pension liabilities, Eastside Phase 2 EIS/R, among others. This is the second Mayors Breakfast I've hosted in the last year and hope to continue hosting these events on a regular basis.  **Successful Open House for Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project**  On Saturday, March 15, 2014, Metro in partnership with Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC), hosted a successful open house for the new Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project’s Integrated Project Management Office (IPMO). Metro Executives attended the event as did Assemblymember Steven Bradford, a representative from the Metro Director Mark Ridley-Thomas, and members from the Crenshaw/LAX Community Leadership Council. Over 300 community members attended and were given an opportunity to meet Metro and WSCC staff to learn more about the project. Eight tables representing the eight stations on the Crenshaw Line Rail project were setup for the public to ask questions relating to tunneling, design, construction, jobs/construction careers and art. The 8.5-mile light-rail line, whose life of project budget is $2.058 billion, will extend from the Exposition Line at Crenshaw/Exposition to the Metro Green Line at Aviation. The California Crusader and Morningside Chronicle News, both weeklies in the project area, covered the event. Stories will run this week.  **I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Construction Notice**  Freeway Overhead Sign Installation and Median Work  The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project contractor plans to fully close the southbound I-405 between Santa Monica Boulevard and National Boulevard in West Los Angeles on the following dates and times to facilitate the installation of a full-span freeway overhead sign and to conduct other roadway construction activities at the freeway median. Closures will take place on the nights of Monday, March 17, 2014 to Thursday, March 20, 2014, and Sunday, March 23, 2014 from 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. On the nights of Friday, March 21, 2014 and Saturday, March 22, 2014 work will take place from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. To view the construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140317_405_Closure.pdf). | |
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