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| **Monday, May 5, 2014 140505-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Next Green Line Station Set to Latch**  **Thousands Gather to Celebrate Union Station’s 75th Anniversary and Amtrak’s National Train Day** |
| **Next Green Line Station Set to Latch**    On Wednesday May 7, 2014, at 6:00 a.m., Metro will latch Avalon station.  The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) and Metro Security will provide advance notification and customer assistance at this station from Monday, May 5, 2014 through Tuesday May 6, 2014 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  Redondo Beach, Douglas, El Segundo, Mariposa, Aviation/LAX, Hawthorne/Lennox, Crenshaw, Vermont/Athens and Harbor Freeway Green Line stations are latched. Metro plans to latch the four remaining Green Line Stations by the end of May 2014. All Red/Purple, Blue and Gold Line stations equipped with gates are now latched. Once all latching is completed, 40 of 80 rail stations will be latched and turnstiles will not allow an entry unless a TAP card with an appropriate fare has been tapped at the gate.  **Thousands Gather to Celebrate Union Station’s 75th Anniversary and National Train Day**  An estimated 75,000 to 100,000 attended events on Saturday, May 3, 2014 for Metro’s Union Station 75th anniversary and Amtrak’s National Train Day at Union Station.  Attendees listened to inspirational words from numerous transit leaders and elected officials, enjoyed live entertainment for adults and children, and toured real and vintage trains and rail cars. Nearly 1,600 took advantage of Metrolink’s complementary round-trip service between Union Station and Glendale. Attendees utilized free TAP cards – the result of a partnership between the Annenberg Foundation and Metro -- to visit other downtown venues celebrating Union Station’s 75th, including Mariachi Plaza, Little Tokyo and the L.A. Central Library. Numerous media attended, including L.A. Times, Daily News, Reuters, KCBS, KNBC, Univision, KTLA, KCAL, KNX, Lakewood City TV. Stories ran throughout the weekend.  To view a video of the Official Ceremony, please click [here](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4IWGLYXtqpc). | |
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