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| **Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Construction Notice**Expo Station Area Traffic ReconfigurationWalsh Shea Corridor Constructors will implement a traffic reconfiguration of Crenshaw Boulevard to support upcoming construction of the underground station at Exposition Boulevard on Friday, May 30, 2014. The work will be conducted on Crenshaw Boulevard between Jefferson Boulevard and Coliseum Street and will require a full street closure of Crenshaw Boulevard from 10:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2014, through Saturday, May 31, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., weather permitting. During the closure, traffic lanes will be restriped and k-rail (concrete barriers) will be placed to separate the work area from the road. Upon completion of the work, Crenshaw Boulevard will be reduced to two lanes in each direction, which will remain in place throughout the construction of the underground station. **Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice** Rail InstallationAs part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will need to implement a full intersection closure to install rail across Bagley Avenue. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor *Skanska-Rados Joint Venture (SRJV),* and its subcontractors. The closure is scheduled to begin Saturday, May 31, 2014 and continue through Tuesday, June 3, 2014. Work activities will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, and from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday and Tuesday. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/051214-EXPO-P2-CONSTRUCTION-NOTICE-Bagley-Avenue-Rail-Crossing-Installation-Closure-.pdf). **I-5 Empire Project Ground Breaking** This morning Metro Board Director Ara Najarian and Deputy CEO Lindy Lee participated in groundbreaking ceremonies for the Empire Project, which will enhance travel along Interstate 5 in Burbank. Metro is supplying $180 million in local funds towards the total $406 million budget. Improvements include a new carpool lane, building a new interchange at I-5 and Empire Avenue, reconstructing the Burbank Boulevard overcrossing and realigning ramps, and elevating the railroad at Buena Vista Street and San Fernando Boulevard. The project will relieve congestion, improve traffic flow and provide easier access to Bob Hope Airport and shopping centers. To view photos of the ceremony on The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2014/05/28/i-5-empire-project-groundbreaking/). **Purple Line Advisory Group Meeting Recap** Last night, more than 100 people attended the Purple Line Extension’s Section 1 Advisory Group meeting. Staff provided an update on preconstruction activities that have occurred recently, as well as information on what can be expected in the near future. The majority of the meeting focused on an overview of the activities that can be anticipated with each aspect of subway construction, which activities are likely to cause the most noise, when and where and for how long activities will occur, and steps that Metro and the Contractor will take to mitigate the impacts. The presentation noted that construction projects often involve a trade-off between working during the day to mitigate night time noise impacts and working at night to mitigate traffic impacts. The presentation also provided information about pre-construction surveys that are due to get underway in the near future. Los Angeles Council Member Tom LaBonge and Beverly Hills Council Member John Mirisch attended the meeting and addressed the group. Representatives for State Assembly Member Richard Bloom and Los Angeles Council Member Paul Koretz were also present. Media attending the meeting included KNX 1070 Radio, the Beverly Hills Courier and the Larchmont Chronicle.   The Purple Line Extension’s Section 1 Advisory Group is comprised of individuals representing residents, businesses, institutions and other stakeholders around the upcoming La Brea, Fairfax and La Cienega stations. The group began meeting last summer; at the first meeting, they indicated that they were most interested in understanding what to expect during subway construction and all the meetings have been structured to provide them with that information. All meetings are open to the public, who are also invited to participate and ask questions. Meetings will occur more frequently as construction activity ramps up--the next meeting will be held during the summer.  |
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