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| **Tuesday, November 4, 2014141104-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Halloween Draws Over 30,000 Additional Metro Red and Purple Line Customers**  **High Desert Corridor Public Hearings** |
| **Halloween Draws Over 30,000 Additional Metro Red and Purple Line Customers**  Last Friday, Halloween evening, Metro Red and Purple Lines saw an increase of over 30,000 boardings when compared to a typical Friday evening. With extended late night service running until 2:00 a.m. and slippery, wet, and congested roads from the rain, taking Metro Rail was the best way to reach festivities throughout the region. Hollywood/Highland and Hollywood/Vine were popular stations which saw respective ridership increases of 62% and 47%. Metro prepared for the large increase in customers with additional train capacity, law enforcement, and customer support staffing at key stations to expedite fare purchasing and manage the crowds on platforms. Thank you to staff that supported all these additional efforts.  **High Desert Corridor Public Hearings**  This week and next, Metro and Caltrans are hosting four Public Hearings to share information and receive comments from the public on the Draft EIS/EIR for the High Desert Corridor. The High Desert Corridor covers approximately 63 miles, connecting SR-14 and the Palmdale Transportation Center in Los Angeles County with US-395, I-15, Bear Valley Road and SR-18 in San Bernardino County. The hearings will be held Wednesday, November 5, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Lake Los Angeles Elementary School in Palmdale; Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Endeavour School of Exploration in Victorville; Wednesday, November 12, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Larry Chimbole Cultural Center in Palmdale; and Thursday, November 13, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Apple Valley Conference Center in Apple Valley. Each of the public hearings will have displays, a copy of the Draft EIS/EIR and a short presentation summarizing the results of the environmental analysis. Attendees will be able to provide verbal and written comments. The meetings on November 6 and November 12 will also be live-streamed starting a half hour after each start time. To inform the public about these meetings, we have sent notices to the project database, coordinated with corridor cities, Chamber of Commerce and elected offices, placed ads in local papers, and posted information on the project’s Metro webpage, Facebook and Twitter pages. The public comment period for this Draft EIS/EIR runs through Tuesday, December 2, 2014. For links to these pages and other details, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/projects/high-desert-corridor/). | |
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