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| **Groundbreaking for Metro Purple Line Extension**  This morning, Metro held the official ground breaking for the first segment of the $2.8 billion dollar Metro Purple Line Extension project. I want to thank and recognize US Senator Dianne Feinstein; FTA Acting Administrator Therese McMillan; Congressmember Henry Waxman and Congressmember Karen Bass; Assemblymember Richard Bloom and Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas; Metro Board Chair and City of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti; Metro Board First Vice Chair and Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas; Director and Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky; Director and City of Santa Monica Mayor Pam O’Connor; Director and Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin; Director Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker; Supervisor-elect Sheila Kuehl; Los Angeles City Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz and former Metro Director, Honorable Richard Katz.  This first segment will extend nearly four miles from the Wilshire/Western Purple Line subway terminus to Wilshire/La Cienega. For more information and photos from today’s ground breaking ceremony as posted on The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2014/11/07/long-wait-is-over-groundbreaking-ceremony-today-for-subway-extension-under-wilshire-boulevard/).    Groundbreaking Highlights Construction Careers Policy and Project Labor Agreement  At the Purple Line Extension groundbreaking, Acting FTA Administrator Therese W. McMillan had a chance to meet Katherine Norve, a single mother of 4. Katherine is an example of the efficacy of Metro’s Construction Careers Policy (CCP) and is now an apprentice with Laborers Local No. 300, working for Metro Builders on the Westside Subway Extension Advanced Utility Relocation Contract. Metro’s groundbreaking CCP and Project Labor Agreement encourage construction employment and training opportunities for those who reside in economically disadvantaged areas and have met with barriers preventing them from joining the workforce.  **Primer Impacto Finishes Tour at Mariachi Plaza**  The popular Univision network show Primer Impacto completed its five-show tour of Southern California with a live, 60 minute broadcast originating from Mariachi Plaza. Primer Impacto spent the week exploring issues and trends that affect all people in the region such as mobility and the expanding network of public transit options. Monday's broadcast originated from the North Hollywood station of the Metro Red Line. For a photo of today’s broadcast at Mariachi Plaza, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141107_Primer_Impacto_Mariachi_Plaza.JPG).    **Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Construction Notice**  Excavation and Decking Work Activities  As part of the construction of the underground Expo station, Walsh Shea Corridor Constructor will implement an extended closure of Crenshaw Boulevard over multiple consecutive days to support excavation and decking work activities. The closure of Crenshaw Boulevard will be between Exposition Boulevard and Coliseum Street and will be continuous from Friday, November 7, 2014 at 9:00 p.m. through Monday, November 24,2014 at 6:00 a.m. and from Monday, December 1, 2014 at 6:00 a.m. through Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 6:00 a.m. Crenshaw Boulevard will reopen during the week of Thanksgiving, November 24-30, 2014.  The public is advised to plan ahead to avoid travel delays. Traffic control measures, detour routes, and signage will be implemented throughout the closure. Upon the completion of these closures and work activities, construction will continue below the street with minimal impact to the traveling public throughout the remainder of the construction of the station.  **Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice**  Track Work and Roadway Improvements As part of construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line work crews will implement a full street closure of Barrington Avenue between Olympic Boulevard and Tenessee Avenue. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor *Skanska-Rados Joint Venture (SRJV),* and its subcontractors. Closures are scheduled to occur Friday, November 7, 2014 at 9:00 p.m. through Monday, November 10, 2014 at 6:00 a.m. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/102914-EXPO-P2-CONSTRUCTION-NOTICE-Barrington-Ave-Closure-for-Track-Work-and-Roadway-Improvements-.pdf).  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notices**  Between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct a series of freeway improvements between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street as part of the I-5/Empire Project in Burbank. Construction activities are scheduled to begin Monday, November 10, 2014 through Friday, November 14, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141107_I5_Empire_Improvements.pdf).  **Procurement Postings**  Burbank/Bob Hope Airport Station Pedestrian Bridge Project (RFP)  Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure professional engineering services for the Burbank/Bob Hope Airport Station Pedestrian Bridge Project. The project will provide engineering services to design a pedestrian grade separated passageway between the Metrolink/Amtrak station and the recently completed Regional Intermodal Transportation Center at the Burbank-Bob Hope Airport. The project will enhance pedestrian safety and access between the Station and the Airport. The bridge will grade separate the existing tracks from passengers at the station and will allow for the elimination of two pedestrian at-grade crossings between the two side platforms, providing a significant safety enhancement. In addition, the Station and parking lot will be upgraded to accommodate the grade separation and current standards. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, November 12, 2014 through Thursday, February 11, 2015. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ben Calmes, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7341.  Metro Citation Processing Services (RFP)  Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Metro Citation Processing Services. LACMTA is looking for a Contractor to provide citation processing services to support Metro Citation Administration and Transit Court and the handling of transit and parking citations issued by LACMTA in accordance with the applicable state laws related to each type of citation. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, November 06, 2014 through Thursday, April 30, 2015. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Max Katkaphan, Assistant Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7316.  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will be attending Pre-Board Briefings with Board members as well as attending Metro’s Board Meeting. I will be participating in the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce’s Infrastructure Summit Overview. I will also be attending a farewell for Supervisor Gloria Molina and Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky following the Board Meeting. Lastly, I will be meeting with Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal and Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia. | |
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