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| **Metro to Expand Business Opportunities for Disabled Veterans Through Innovative New Program**In advance of Veteran’s Day, Metro has announced the launch of the Disabled Veteran’s Business Enterprise (DVBE) Program on Tuesday, November 18, 2014. The new program is aimed at expanding contracting opportunities for businesses owned by disabled veterans and helping veterans successfully bid on projects. The DVBE Program establishes a three percent contracting goal for all non-federally funded, competitively negotiated contracts for construction, goods or services over $100,000. A five-point evaluation scoring preference is included for certified DVBE firms with principal offices in California. To participate in the Metro DVBE program, a firm must be certified by the California Department of General Services (DGS). Metro also is working with veterans’ organizations and other advocates to identify disabled veteran-owned businesses qualified for the program. For more information about the DVBE program and how to participate, please contact the Metro Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department at 213.922.2600 or please click [here](http://www.metro.net/about/deod/).**New VetsGo511.com Mobile-Enabled Website Connects Veterans to Vital Transportation, Work, Healthcare Services and More**Los Angeles County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (LA SAFE) and Metro will launch the new mobile-enabled website VetsGo511.com on Veteran’s Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2014. VetsGo511.com is a one-stop source for veterans and others in the military community to easily obtain information on resources for work, education, healthcare, and other vital services in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area; and to provide improved transportation services options to get them there. VetsGo511 is part of a larger effort by Metro, LA SAFE and the Federal Transit Administration to improve the transportation experience for veterans through the Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative (VTCLI) federal grant program. In addition to VetsGo511, the VTCLI will build on the success of Southern California 511 by improving access to transportation information through a variety of new products and resources to be rolled out over the next several months.**Milestone Reached for Expo Phase 2 with Electrical Connection**This weekend, after more than two years of construction, Expo Phase 2 reached a significant milestone as crews began tying together the electrical components of Phase 2 of the Expo Line with Phase 1 at the Culver City station. Work started early Saturday morning after service on Phase 1 ended for the evening and will be completed by next weekend, Sunday, November 16, 2014. For the complete press release from the Exposition Construction Authority, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141110_Expo_Milestone_Electrical.pdf). **Expo Phase II Construction Notice**Rail InstallationAs part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will implement a full street closure of Colorado Avenue and 6th Street for rail installation. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor Skanska-Rados, Joint Venture (SRJV), and its subcontractors. Full closures are scheduled from Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. through Friday, December 12, 2014. For the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/102914-EXPO-P2-CONSTRUCTION-NOTICE-Track-Installation-6th-Street.pdf).**Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notices**Between Vista Del Lago Road and Kern County LineThe California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implement closures beginning Wednesday, November 12, 2014 through Saturday, November 15, 2014, as part of a project to improve pavement between Vista Del Lago Road and the Kern County Line. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141110_I5_Del_Lago_Pavement.pdf).Between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and SR-14The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implement closures beginning Wednesday, November 12, 2014 through Saturday, November 15, 2014, as part of a project to construct truck lanes between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and the Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14). To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141110_I5_truck_lanes.pdf).Between SR-118 and SR-170The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implement closures as part of a project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Closures are scheduled to occur Wednesday, November 12, 2014 through Saturday, November 15, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141110_HOV_Lanes.pdf). |
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