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| **Tuesday, November 25, 2014 141125-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Crenshaw Businesses Open for Holiday Shopping**  **Kinkisharyo to Assemble Metro Light Rail Vehicles in Palmdale as Planned** |
| **Crenshaw Businesses Open for Holiday Shopping**  On Friday, November 28, 2014 construction crews will take a break from decking activities at Crenshaw/Exposition to ensure that shoppers have full access to the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Mall and all other stores and businesses along Crenshaw Boulevard. Help support small businesses by joining in Eat, Shop, Play Crenshaw.  **Kinkisharyo to Assemble Metro Light Rail Vehicles in Palmdale as Planned**  As part of a 2012 contract between Kinkisharyo International and Metro, Kinkisharyo agreed to assemble Metro light rail vehicles at a new facility to be built in Palmdale. This past September, a disagreement and impasse occurred between Kinkisharyo, labor groups and the community which caused a stall in the construction of the Palmdale facility. However, City of Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti has announced that an agreement has been reached between Kinkisharyo and labor and community groups to resolve the deadlock that would have caused the rail car company to locate their manufacturing operations for its next order of Metro light rail cars outside of L.A. County and likely out of state. With this agreement, Kinkisharyo will remain with the planned facility in Palmdale, creating up to 250 jobs and producing 175 train cars. For the complete story as posted in The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2014/11/25/kinkisharyo-agrees-to-continue-work-on-new-metro-light-rail-vehicles-in-palmdale/). | |
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