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| **Metro at the Taste of Soul: Crenshaw Means Careers**This past Saturday, The Metro Experience Trailer greeted over 300,000 attendees at the 9th Annual Taste of Soul Festival on Crenshaw Boulevard. This event, hosted by the Sentinel Newspaper, is an opportunity for Metro to showcase our Construction Career policy, geared to facilitate low income residents' induction into the Unions that work on all construction governed by Metro's Project Labor Agreement. Information on the TAP system, Metro Express Lanes, and the many programs offered to engage small businesses with Metro were all well received. We were joined again this year by our community partners: Trade Unionists, pre apprenticeship training and support programs, Job Coordinators from Regional Connector, Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Constructors, as well as other, smaller PLA prime contractors. Metro’s information table featured members of Metro's African American Employees Association as well as volunteers who welcomed all the visitors to our exhibit space.**101 Bridge and Chinatown Station Repairs are Complete**Early last year, cracks and spalling was noticed in the concrete at the east abutment wing wall that supports the Metro Gold Line track ramp, just north of the Little Tokyo/Arts District Station and near the 101 freeway bridge. Also last year, cracking was observed at the guard railing post bases which span over the expansion joints at the Metro Gold Line Chinatown Station. Metro Operations and Facilities groups coordinated site visits to assess the conditions and then moved forward on engineering plans and drawings. The project was then awarded to Skanska USA West who completed the repairs ahead of schedule. To view photos of the 101 Bridge repairs, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141021_101_bridge_repair.pdf) and to view photos of the Chinatown Station repairs, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141021_chinatown_station_repair.pdf).**Metro Ranks in the Top 5 Cities for Public Transportation** The University of Minnesota’s Center for Transportation Studies released a report following research that examined public transit systems in 46 of the 50 largest metropolitan areas in the country. The focus of the study, called *Access Across America: Transit 2014*, was to identify how accessible a city’s jobs were via public transportation. Metro came in 3rd place, following San Francisco and New York. To view maps and read the complete story, please click [here](http://www.govtech.com/question-of-the-day/Question-of-the-Day-for-101314.html?utm_source=related&utm_medium=direct&utm_campaign=Question-of-the-Day-for-101314).  |
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