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| **Remembering September 11, 2001**  Today we reflected, remembered, and honored the lives of those who perished during the attacks on the World Trade Center as well as those brave men and women who risked their lives in order to help those in need. Though catastrophic, the events of that September morning allowed us to come together and demonstrate that even in the most adverse of situations, this Nation shall persevere. As a public transportation agency, we understand that incidents of this nature can occur in any place and at any time. Here at Metro, we are working hard to ensure those who ride and operate our system do so in a safe and observant manner. The “If You See Something, Say Something” campaign has educated our riders and staff to be vigilant and proactive to keep Los Angeles safe. Working together, we can help protect our public transportation system so that everyone who goes Metro can enjoy the ride.  **U.S. Department of Transportation to Announce TIGER Grants Tomorrow – Deputy Secretary of Transportation To Visit LA on Saturday For TIGER Grant Press Event**  Tomorrow, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx is expected to formally announce recipients of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants for this year. This Saturday, we are expecting a visit from Deputy Secretary of Transportation Victor Mendez who will make an announcement on the TIGER grants being made for projects in Los Angeles County. While the formal U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER announcement has yet to occur, a number of Members of Congress have issued press releases that share that our agency will receive the two largest TIGER grants being issued in the State of California: $11.8 million for Metro’s Eastside Access Improvement Project and $10.25 million for Metro’s Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station. For a press release issued by the office of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) on the TIGER grants being awarded in the State of California, please click [here](http://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=49b8b8bb-ed94-497c-8b0b-66a7bc21a2ce). Please contact my office with any questions regarding this matter and for more details (which are still being finalized) about the planned event with Deputy Secretary Mendez on Saturday morning. I want to thank all Board members for their strong support for our TIGER grant applications and also want to express my appreciation to our professional staff members at Metro who ensured the success of two of our grant applications.  **Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice**  Track Work and Street Improvements  As part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will continue with track work and street improvements along 20th street. 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 for Friday, September 12, 2014 at 9:00 p.m. through Monday, September 15, 2014 at 6:00 a.m. 20th Street will be temporarily closed between Colorado Avenue and Olympic Boulevard. Traffic will be detoured to Cloverfield Boulevard. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here.](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140904_082214_EXPO_P2_CONSTRUCTION_NOTICE_20th_Street_Weekend_Closures_for_Track_Work_and_Street_improvements.pdf)  **Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Construction Notices**  Support Pile Installation on Crenshaw/LAX Line for Leimert Park Station  As part of the construction of the Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Line, work crews will implement traffic reconfigurations to support the upcoming construction three stations. This will entail full street closures on Crenshaw Boulevard to perform pile installation on the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard. Closures vary by site with the earliest scheduled to begin Friday, September 12, 2014, at 9:00 p.m. and the latest to continue through Monday, September 15, 2014 at 6:00 a.m. The work is being managed and performed by Walsh Shea Corridor Constructors. For more information regarding this construction notice and others scheduled for this weekend, please click [here.](http://thesource.metro.net/2014/09/11/upcoming-street-closures-on-crenshaw-boulevard-for-crenshawlax-line-construction/) | |
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