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| **Public Hearings on Draft EIS/EIR for Proposed Eastside Rail Extension**Metro will conduct four public hearings tomorrow, Saturday, September 27, 2014, through next Wednesday, October 1, 2014, to receive public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for a proposed extension of the Metro Gold Line Eastside light rail system. Two build alternatives are being studied to extend the line from the Atlantic/Pomona Gold Line Station in East Los Angeles to either the City of South El Monte (SR 60 Alternative) or the City of Whittier (Washington Blvd. Alternative). The Draft EIS/EIR also analyzes a Transportation Systems Management alternative that identifies bus corridor improvements and a no-build option.  The draft environmental document was released August 22, 2014 with a 60-day public comment period concluding at 5 pm on October 21. There will be an open house 30 minutes before the start of each hearing where the public can view display boards and the Draft EIS/EIR, and talk to staff. The hearings are scheduled for:Saturday, September 27, 2014Pico Rivera Senior Center, 9200 Mines Ave. Pico RiveraOpen House: 9 a.m. Public Hearing: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Monday, September 29, 2014Quiet Cannon Banquet Center, 901 Via San Clemente, MontebelloOpen House: 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**Tuesday, September 30, 2014** **Uptown Whittier Senior Center, 13225 Walnut Street, Whittier** **Open House: 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**Wednesday, October 1, 2014** **South El Monte Senior Center, 1556 Central Avenue, South El Monte****Open House: 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.Metro staff is scheduled to present a summary of technical analysis and comments received along with a recommended Locally Preferred Alternative to the Metro Board of Directors in November where the Board will be asked to decide how to proceed. To submit comments, obtain more information about the project, and to view the Draft EIS/EIR, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/projects/eastside_phase2/).**Procurement Postings for Next Week**Rail Operation Center Public Address Head End Replacement (IFB)Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to obtain services from a qualified contractor to furnish, install, and integrate a Public Address Head End Replacement system at the Rail Operation Center and a Public Address System at each and every rail station along the EXPO Phase 2 and Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, September 26, 2014 through Tuesday, December 2, 2014.This procurement supports the EXPO Phase 2 and Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension projects by furnishing the rail lines with a centralized Public Address system, required for patron’s safety and rail communication activities. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Nicole Dang, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7438. Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation Project (RFP)Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure professional engineering services for the Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation Project. The project will provide engineering services to develop alternatives for the grade separation of the Rosecrans/Marquardt Avenue intersection in the San Bernardino subdivision; develop the necessary environmental documentation; and prepare plans, specifications, and estimates for the construction of the grade separation. The project will increase efficiency in the rail corridor, better accommodate passenger rail service allow increases in train speed and the volume of planned commuter rail passenger service. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, October 1, 2014 through Wednesday, January 7, 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.**Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**Next week I will be welcoming the Multiple Agency Exchange (MAX) Program participants to Metro. I will be attending Pre-Board Briefings with Board Members and then attending the Board Meeting later in the week. I will be participating in the Zocalo Public Square forum, "What Could Speed Up Los Angeles Traffic?". Also next week, Metro will be hosting the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Regional Connector with U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, Metro Board Members and other key Federal, State and Local Stakeholders. I will also be meeting with UCLA Urban Planning students. Lastly, I will be attending the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) Luncheon.  |
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