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Report on Waxman Tunneling Bill Submitted by Congressional Committee

Earlier today, the U.S. House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee filed its [committee report](#) accompanying H.R. 4653 (Waxman), which repeals the federal ban on tunneling along the Wilshire Corridor. Committee reports (typically submitted after a committee passes legislation) describe the purposes and provisions of measures and typically include a section-by-section analysis as well as a statement on projected budgetary impacts. With the Transportation Committee's unanimous approval of H.R. 4653 on July 19, the full House is expected to consider the legislation in September when Congress returns from its summer recess.

Metro Information Celebrates Centennial

Today, Metro Information celebrated 100 years of commitment and service to our customers throughout Los Angeles County. On August 1, 1906 the Information Bureau for Pacific Electric hired Ms. Sybil Mather as its first Information Clerk. Over the years, the Information Bureau, now called Metro Information, has grown from one full-time clerk to a high of 125. Executive staff recognized the milestone at an event this morning followed by an open house for Metro employees. Vintage photographs and articles from the Metro Research Center Archive are on display on the plaza level and third floor for the entire month of August in commemoration of the centennial celebration.



Metro Workshop on First and Lorena Construction Activities

Media Relations distributed a [news release](#) today announcing an upcoming Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Workshop on Monday, August 7th to inform the community of future construction activities in the vicinity of First and Lorena Streets. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the Boyle Heights Senior Center at 2839 East Third Street in Los Angeles. Construction near the intersection will occur between mid-August and the end of the year, and will consist of sewer encasement and street widening activities. It is anticipated that the construction efforts will reduce the amount of available parking and impact some traffic lanes.

Of Note

On August 1st 1944, Los Angeles Railway hired its first African-American motorman, a motormanette, Mrs. Arcola Philpott. This historic hiring was negotiated by Reverend Clayton Russell's Los Angeles Negro Victory Committee, the AFL-CIO, the NAACP, the Fair Employment Practices Commission and the reform-minded Los Angeles Mayor, Fletcher Bowron. Arcola Philpott lived near the intersection of Central Avenue and Adams Boulevard and she drove the Vermont streetcar line out of the Arthur Winston Division between Union Station to 116th and Vermont.



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