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| **Media Inquires About Metro Staff Recommending List of SR-710 (North) Alternatives be Narrowed as Process Moves Forward**Reporters with the Pasadena Star News and Pasadena Sun – L.A. Times newspapers contacted Media Relations about Metro staff recommending the list of alternatives being studied for the SR-710 north-south connection from Alhambra to Pasadena be pared from twelve to five for further environmental study. Staff told the reporters the five alternatives recommended for further study are:* No Build
* TSM/TDM
* BRT 6 with further refinements
* LRT 4 with further refinements
* F-7 (freeway tunnel)

These recommendations will be presented on August 29, 2012 to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) comprised of more than 30 engineering and other technical experts representing jurisdictions throughout the region who are working with Metro and its consultants on the SR-710 environmental study. Among alternatives that will not continue are surface route options for Avenue 64 and San Rafael, or underground in the Mount Washington area or any surface highway options in those corridors. Stories will run today and throughout the weekend.   **Expo Light Rail Phase 2 Construction Notice**National/Palms Boulevard Bridge ConstructionAs part of the construction of the Expo Light Rail Line Phase 2, work crews will begin all the necessary activities to support the construction of the National/Palms Boulevard Bridge, including implementing new traffic controls and excavation for the bridge foundations on the Expo Right-of-Way (ROW) in the City of Los Angeles. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor *Skanska-Rados Joint Venture (SRJV)* and its subcontractors. Construction work along the Expo ROW on National/Palms Boulevard is scheduled from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Restriping of traffic lanes and K-rail (concrete barrier) installation is scheduled on Monday, August 27, 2012 from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Traffic signal relocation and final activation is scheduled on Monday, August 27, 2012 from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bridge construction is scheduled to begin on Thursday, August 30, 2012 for approximately twelve months. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_osvxu5ty57.pdf).http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf\_uploads/cons\_osvxu5ty57.pdf**Procurement Postings for Next Week**Design/Build Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project (RFQ)Procurement will release a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for entities (“Respondents”) interested in being pre-qualified to submit a proposal for the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project Contract for a design-build delivery. Work under this contract will include, but is not limited to, furnishing all management, coordination, professional services, labor, equipment, materials and other services to perform the design and construction of the Regional Connector Transit Corridor, a 1.9 mile light rail underground project from 7th Street and Flower Street to 1st Street and Central Avenue that will connect the existing Metro Blue, Expo and Gold Lines. The procurement blackout period is August 24th through November 28th, 2012. The Board of Directors adopted this light rail alternative as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in April 2012 and approved a base project through the certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report on April 19, 2011. The project was issued a Record of Decision by the Federal Transit Administration on June 29, 2012. By creating a vital connection between lines already reaching Culver City, East Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Pasadena, the completed project will not only serve downtown Los Angeles where construction will occur, but the entire region. Any inquiries concerning this RFQ during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Joseph Lemon, Contract Administrator, (213) 922-3980, lemonj@metro.net.Metro Board Room Audio Video System Upgrade (RFP)Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure the Metro Board Room Audio Video system Upgrade services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from August 20, 2012 through October 31, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Mark Lu, Sr. Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-4689.Power Sweeping Service for All Metro Facilities (IFB)Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) this week to procure the services of contractor(s) to provide Power Sweeping Services for All Metro Facilities. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from August 21, 2012 through October 31, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tom Meng, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1074.Replacement of Actuator Drives for Metro Red Line Segment 1 (IFB)Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) this week to procure the replacement of one hundred fifty-six (156) actuators drive mechanisms located at five Metro Red Line passenger stations. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from August 24, 2012 through November 25, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Gabriel Hurtado, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-2632.Carbon Strips for the Blue, Green & Gold Line Rail Vehicles (IFB)Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure carbon strips for the Blue, Green and Gold Line Rail Vehicles. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from August 31, 2012 through October 19, 2012. The carbon strips are attached to the pantograph which powers the trains. The carbon strips are inspected and changed out as required to keep the LRVs running efficiently and in a safe operating condition to ensure uninterrupted revenue service. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Procurement Planning Administrator at 213-922-1025.Lubricating Sticks for the Blue, Green, Gold & Red Line Rail Vehicles (IFB)Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure lubricating sticks for the Blue, Green, Gold and Red Line Rail Vehicles. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from August 30, 2012 through October 18, 2012. The lubricating sticks are attached to the wheel to reduce tread wear, wheel replacement, wheel truing costs, rail wear, and noise levels. The rail vehicle lubricating sticks are inspected monthly and replaced as needed as part of the Rail Fleet Service Maintenance Program. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Procurement Planning Administrator at 213-922-1025.**Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**Next week, I will meet with Michael R. Peevy, President of the California Public Utilities Commission. I will also attend the 2012 Federal Transit Administration Quarterly Review Meeting and the Metro Service Councils Quarterly “Meet and Confer” Meeting. Finally, I will participate in a press event tokick-off “Going Metro” to USC Football Games*.* |
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