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| **Today’s Board Meeting Generates Media Coverage**  Reporters and a photographer with the Los Angeles Times, KCBS/KCAL TV news, KPCC radio and the San Gabriel Valley Tribune covered today’s Board meeting. Stories should appear today and tomorrow regarding the advertising contract, Blue Line safety enhancements, the safety culture presentation and comments made by members of the public about the I-710 tunnel option.  **High Desert Corridor Community Meetings**  This week, the High Desert Corridor (HDC) Project Team concluded a series of four Community Meetings to provide updates on the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement/Report. The HDC environmental study will evaluate the potential impacts of constructing a new multi-modal link between State Route 14 in Los Angeles County and State Route-18 in San Bernardino County. Two meetings were held in San Bernardino County, and two in Los Angeles County. These updates highlighted Board Chair Antonovich’s motion that the HDC be recognized as a Strategic Multipurpose Corridor that can accommodate a highway, a green energy production and/or transmission facility, and a high speed rail feeder service line. Additionally, potential inclusion of a bicycle route was discussed. More than 300 stakeholders and local elected officials participated in this meeting series, in person as well as on-line. Each meeting included an informal open house session, followed by a formal presentation and Q and A. Representatives from Metro, Caltrans, and the High Desert Joint Powers Authority were on hand to respond to questions.  The "live" webcast recordings from the December 10, 2012 and the December 11, 2012 meetings are available by clicking [here](http://www.metro.net/projects/high-desert-corridor/upcoming-meetings/). Metro and Caltrans plan to conduct the next round of community meetings in early 2013 to introduce the results of the Alternatives Analysis (specifically for the rail component). The release of the Draft EIS/EIR is targeted for late 2013.  <http://www.metro.net/projects/high-desert-corridor/upcoming-meetings/>  **Cooler-Geddon Notice Update**  Metro will begin replacement of the six cooling towers on the Metro Headquarters building roof. A helicopter will be used to bring the old cooling towers down and lift the new cooling towers and related equipment onto the roof on **Saturday, December 29, 2012**.  To ensure safety during this work, the Federal Aviation Administration has required the following closures from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on those dates:   * Cesar Chavez Avenue and Vignes Street adjacent to the Headquarters Building * Gateway parking garage * Patsaouras Plaza (and detour of buses from the plaza) * The three Union Station tracks closest to the Headquarters Building   Please click [here](http://mymetro/GeneralServices/CoolerGeddon/Cooler-Geddon_Parking%20Update_12-13-12.pdf) to read more about the details regarding Cooler-Geddon and **updated** parking arrangements for staff.  **Expo Light Rail Line Construction Notice**  Utility Relocation  As part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will continue utility relocation on Centinela Avenue and 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 will continue through Friday, March 15, 2013. Work hours are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9:00 p.m.to 6:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_7ohk0hlwy.pdf).  <http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_7ohk0hlwy.pdf> | |
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