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| **Tuesday, December 18, 2012 121218-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Los Angeles Times Inquiry Regarding Zeta Tech Report on Washington/Flower Junction**  **Crosswalk Upgrades Make Los Angeles More Pedestrian Friendly** |
| **Los Angeles Times Inquiry Regarding Zeta Tech Report on Washington/Flower Junction**  The Los Angeles Times has requested and received a copy of the Zeta Tech Report regarding the track expert review of recommended fixes for the Washington/Flower junction of the Metro Expo/Blue Line. The reporter interviewed both Metro and Expo Construction Authority staff today and was told that all parties involved (Metro, Expo, & California Public Utilities Commission) are in agreement with the report and the fix. The reporter was told that the recommendation to correct the track gauge at the junction back to a standard 56 ½” gauge is preferred. It was noted that the report determined that the existing junction diamond can continue to be safely used in its present condition until a timely implementation of the recommendation is completed. Staff reported that the work can probably be done in one weekend, to minimize impacts to rail patrons on both the Metro Blue and Expo Lines. The Expo Construction Authority, working with Metro, will implement a workable time frame for when the work can be started and completed. This afternoon the reporter also requested and received a copy of the Office Inspector General’s report on the issue. The story will run tomorrow.    **Crosswalk Upgrades Make Los Angeles More Pedestrian Friendly**  By March of 2013, a total of 53 intersections throughout Los Angeles will be upgraded with continental crosswalks (also known as zebra crossings). These new crosswalks will provide higher visibility to advise motorists that pedestrians may be present, which will make for a safer walking environment. The conversion of the 53 crosswalks is funded through Measure R monies set aside for pedestrian improvements byMayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the City Council.To read the full story as posted on the source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2012/12/17/l-a-becomes-more-pedestrian-friendly-with-new-crosswalks/).  [**http://thesource.metro.net/2012/12/17/l-a-becomes-more-pedestrian-friendly-with-new-crosswalks/**](http://thesource.metro.net/2012/12/17/l-a-becomes-more-pedestrian-friendly-with-new-crosswalks/) | |
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