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| **SR 710 Stakeholder Outreach Advisory Committee Convenes**  Today, the Stakeholder Outreach Advisory Committee (SOAC) for the SR-710 Study convened its second meeting at Metro Headquarters. This committee is responsible for providing updates on the progress of the study to their respective jurisdictions. Planning and transportation commissioners, as well as elected officials from the study area, joined the meeting and received a synopsis of the community commentary from the seven open houses held in the month of May and a preview of upcoming outreach activities. In addition, we provided updates on the progress of the Alternatives Analysis since the committee’s last meeting in May. This information included a review of the components of the environmental technical analysis; status of conceptual engineering; components of a TSM/TDM alternative; and a review of conceptual design of various multi-modal alternatives. The next meeting of the SOAC is scheduled for August 30, 2012. Additional information is available on the program website at <www.metro.net/sr710study>. Online comments can be submitted through a Twitter account [@SR710Study](http://twitter.com/SR710Study) or through a Facebook page, [facebook.com/sr710study](http://facebook.com/sr710study), and a hotline number: (855) 477-7100.  **Students at Summer Science Camp Study the Expo Line**  Middle school students from this year’s ExxonMobile Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp at USC, grades 6-8, spent two weeks learning about urban ecosystems and analyzing the Expo Phase 2 Final Environmental Impact Report. The students studied route alignment and even designed their own cities and autonomous light rail vehicles. They also got a chance to go on excursions and see the science at work out in the field. As a part of this program, the students presented their LEGO-made master cities, the robots they designed and programmed to run through those cities and stated their findings and opinions on Metro’s Expo Line Phase 2. Although this year’s summer camp session culminated today, our agency is delighted that these future transportation leaders got a chance to actively learn about the Expo Phase 2 Final Environmental Impact Report. Please click here to read the complete story.  **Metro Red Line Station Canopy Project Construction Notices**  Installation of Barricade Wall and Demolition of Concrete  Metro’s contractor will begin constructing a canopy for the Civic Center Southwest Portal entrance. Activities include installation of temporary fence, demolition of the plaza slab for construction of foundations, columns, superstructure, utility relocation, pavement reconstruction and landscape restoration. Installation of barricade wall and demolition of concrete work will begin on Monday, July 23, 2012 for approximately one month. Construction work is scheduled to take place from Monday through Friday during 8:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Possible intermittent day construction activities are scheduled between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120720_Civic_Center_Southwest_Entrance_Construction_Notice.pdf).  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120720_Civic_Center_Southwest_Entrance_Construction_Notice.pdf>  Scaffolding and Steel Structure Erection  Metro’s Contractor continues to work on the construction of the canopy at the Civic Center Northeast Portal entrance. To facilitate the installation of the new canopy, the Contractor will erect scaffolding over the station entrance. Once the scaffolding has been erected, the Contractor will begin erecting the steel structure. Work will begin on Monday, July 23, 2012 for approximately two weeks. Construction work is scheduled to take place from Monday through Friday during 8:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Day construction activities will take place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120720_Civic_Center_Construction_Notice_Scaffolding_and_Steel_Structure_Erection.pdf).  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120720_Civic_Center_Construction_Notice_Scaffolding_and_Steel_Structure_Erection.pdf>  **Procurement Postings for Next Week**  Metro Blue Line Rail Car Passenger Windows (IFB)  Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure passenger windows for the Metro Blue Line rail cars. Replacement of the passenger windows is part of our ongoing effort to provide clean interiors/exteriors for the riding public. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from July 24, 2012 through August 18, 2012. 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.  Metro Red and Purple Line Tunnel Cleaning Service (IFB)  Procurement will release one Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure the services of contractor(s) to provide Metro Red and Purple Line Tunnel Cleaning Service. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from July 24, 2012 through September 28, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Thomas Meng, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1074.  Metro Blue Line High Strength Rail (IFB)  Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure high strength rail for Metro Blue Line. New rail is required as part of MOW’s ongoing program to maintain Metro’s infrastructure by replacing the original rail which is worn due to normal service operations and exposure to the elements. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from July 23, through September 28, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Juelene Close, Contract Administrator at 213-922-1066.  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will participate in a ribbon-cutting event for FasTrak Customer Service Center (Congestion Pricing) and in a KPCC Radio interview with Pat Morrison. I will also attend the Late Night Press Event with Metro Board Chair Michael Antonovich and attend our agency’s monthly board meeting. | |
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