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| **ABC7 Features Segment on Taking Metro to dineLA**Today morning**,** Media Relations staff was interviewed by ABC7 for a story on taking Metro to dineLA restaurants. (dineLA is a 12-day celebration of Los Angeles restaurants. Participating restaurants put together special menus at fixed prices.) The story focuses on healthy living and "beating the bulge" by taking Metro and walking to healthy eating options. It also mentions Metro's cross promotion with dineLA. Staff noted that it is the first time Metro has officially partnered up with dineLA. There are many great participating dineLA restaurants all across Los Angeles County easily accessible by Metro. Instead of paying for parking and sitting in traffic, Metro offers an affordable travel option and a smooth ride to fine dining. ABC7 then filmed patrons heading out to lunch boarding a Metro Expo Line train at La Cienega/Jefferson Station to visit Industriel, a participating dineLA restaurant located near 7th/Metro Station that features farm fresh fare. The patrons were interviewed on board the train and talked about their reasons for riding Metro and other Metro-convenient restaurants they were looking forward to trying. The segment will air this evening at 5:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m.**Silver Line Accident**Earlier this morning, Metro Bus Operations reported that a Silver Line Bus traveling northbound on Figueroa in Downtown Los Angeles was involved in a vehicular accident.  Preliminary reports indicate the auto may have been trying to get around the bus at the time. The bus struck the vehicle, which hit another vehicle. At approximately 8:25 a.m., an on-scene supervisor reported that the bus operator and three patrons claimed injury and were transported to Good Samaritan and California Hospitals. The scene cleared at 9:20 a.m. City News and KPCC have made inquiries into the accident.  **GAO Issues Report To Congress On TIFIA Program**The U.S. Government Accountability Office has issued a report entitled, “Surface Transportation: Financing Program Could Benefit from Increased Performance Focus and Better Communication” regarding the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program. The report, prepared at the request of the Chairman and Ranking Members of the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, answers a series of questions regarding the characteristics of TIFIA projects, how the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) tracks these projects and how the USDOT selected projects during federal fiscal years 2010 and 2011. Please click [here](http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-641) to view the full GAO report on the TIFIA program. Our agency staff will be reviewing the GAO report, including its conclusion that the Executive Branch “further develop and define performance measures to monitor and evaluate progress toward meeting the program’s goals and objectives” and its recommendation that the USDOT better disclose how it “evaluates and selects projects.”<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-641>**Measure R Oversight Committee Finding**The Measure R Independent Taxpayer’s Oversight Committee held a meeting today to be briefed on the proposed amendment to the Measure R Ordinance (Motion by Director Fasana). As required by the Ordinance, the Committee made a finding that the proposed ordinance amendment furthers the purpose of the Measure R Ordinance. The finding was approved by the Committee with a 2-1 vote. As required by the Ordinance, the finding will be presented to the Board at the July 26 Regular Board meeting. Please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120723_Resolution_Finding_Benefits_of_Measure_R_Amendment.pdf) to view a copy of the Committee’s finding.  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120723_Resolution_Finding_Benefits_of_Measure_R_Amendment.pdf>**Metro ExpressLanes Program Construction Notices**Conduit Installation in City of AlhambraAs part of the Los Angeles County Congestion Reduction Demonstration Program along the I-110 and the I-10 freeways, Metro’s Contractor is continuing with the installation of conduit as a means of providing power at numerous locations. This work must be performed in order to place the conduit underground. Upon completion of the installation of the conduit, each trench will be back filled, and returned to pre-existing conditions. Boring work under the sound wall to the center median of westbound I-10 Freeway will take place on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., weather permitting. This work will take place in the vicinity of 1803 Ross Avenue and Westbound I-10 Freeway in the City of Alhambra. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120723_night_work_boring_for_conduit_installation_Ross_Ave_Alhambra.pdf). <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120723_night_work_boring_for_conduit_installation_Ross_Ave_Alhambra.pdf>Conduit Installation in City of RosemeadAs part of the Los Angeles County Congestion Reduction Demonstration Program along the I-110 and the I-10 freeways, Metro’s Contractor is continuing with the installation of conduit as a means of providing power at numerous locations. This work must be performed in order to place the conduit underground. Upon completion of the installation of the conduit, each trench will be back filled, and returned to pre-existing conditions. Trenching across the freeway on/off ramp and placing equipment within Caltrans Right-of-Way will begin on Sunday, July 29, 2012 through Wednesday, August 8, 2012. Work hours are scheduled from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., weather permitting. This work will take place along the Westbound I-10 freeway on/off ramp at Temple City Boulevard in the City of Rosemead. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120723_Night_work_trenching_for_conduit_installation_Temple_City_Blvd_Rosemead.pdf).<http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120723_Night_work_trenching_for_conduit_installation_Temple_City_Blvd_Rosemead.pdf>Conduit Installation in City of Los AngelesAs part of the Los Angeles County Congestion Reduction Demonstration Program along the I-110 and the I-10 freeways, Metro’s Contractor is continuing with the installation of conduit as a means of providing power at numerous locations. This work must be performed in order to place the conduit underground. Upon completion of the installation of the conduit, each trench will be back filled, and returned to pre-existing conditions. Boring work from Power Pole to the eastbound I-10 Freeway will take place on Thursday, August 2, 2012 through Friday, August 3, 2012 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., weather permitting. This work will take place in the vicinity of 794 Echandia Street in the City of Los Angeles. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120723_night_work_boring_for_conduit_installation_Echandia_St_Los_Angeles.pdf). <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120723_night_work_boring_for_conduit_installation_Echandia_St_Los_Angeles.pdf>**I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Construction Notice**The contractor will implement full direction freeway closures beginning the night of Tuesday, July 24, 2012 for approximately two weeks to prepare and conduct the demolition of the south half of Skirball Bridge. Each night, ramps within the freeway closure limits will begin to close as early as 7:00 p.m. and freeway lanes will begin to close as early as 10:00 p.m., leading up to the full directional freeway closure between the hours of 12:00 a.m. midnight, to 5:00 a.m. Southbound I-405 freeway from the 1010 Freeway to Getty Center Drive closures will take place on July 24, 2012, July 25, 2012 and July 30, 2012. Freeway lane closures will begin at 10:00 p.m. Northbound I-405 freeway from Getty Center Drive to Ventura Boulevard closures will take place on July 26, 2012, July 27, 2012, July 31, 2012, and August 1-3, 2012. Freeway lane closures will begin at 10:00 p.m. Skirball Bridge Closure will take place on July 30, 2012 through August 3, 2012 and this closure will occur during the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120723_Skirball_Bridge_Demo.pdf). 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