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| **Go Metro V2.2 Mobile App Update Available for Download**A new version of Metro’s mobile app for iPhones, iPads, and Androids is available for download with latest system schedules, maps, and features. The new features include:* Allowing Android customers to save/install the app on a SD Card rather than the device.
* Save a Trip Planner itinerary and view offline
* Customers may view stations within their GPS location via a visual map or text list.
* Bookmarked stations/stops will have a refresh button so customers can quickly get new arrival times.
* Mode specific icons noting Bus and Rail.
* User Interface updates for all versions.

Metro’s mobile apps are designed and managed by Creative Services interactive design staff and incorporate customer suggestions and feedback. The mobile app, which is free, integrates Metro's entire bus and rail system, NextTrip bus arrival information, Metro trip planner, maps, service alerts, and more.  **MAP-21 Panel Discussion To Be Hosted By Metro Next Month**Our agency will be hosting a panel discussion on the recently enacted federal surface transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), on August 15, 2012. This panel discussion, to be held in our Board Room, will include presentations from senior transportation experts from both the Executive and Legislative Branches, think tanks and key transportation stakeholders. The panel discussion will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon and will focus on the local, regional and national impacts of MAP-21. With a specific emphasis on California and Los Angeles County, this panel will elaborate on funding formulas, innovative financing (America Fast Forward), public private partnerships and core programs that are embedded in MAP-21. For your review, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120726_MAP21_Conference.pdf) to view a flyer that will be broadly distributed to transportation stakeholders throughout Los Angeles County. To RSVP for this MAP-21 panel discussion please contact my office at (213) 922-6888 or send an email to: map21@metro.net.<http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120726_MAP21_Conference.pdf>**Los Angeles Times Update Expo Junction Story**The Los Angeles Times will run a story tomorrow regarding action taken by Metro’s CEO and the Board to have the Inspector General investigate the issues surrounding problems with the Metro Blue Line and Expo Line junction at Washington and Flower. As part of the story the reporter talked with rail operations staff today regarding problems reported to the California Public Utilities Commission in late June as a result of the junction and cracks and track brake damage that could possibly be related to the junction. Staff reported that track brake hanger cracks are a known problem dating back to 1992 which resulted in the manufacturer supplying a heavy duty replacement part. Those have been installed on 50% of the rail cars and Metro has not noticed any problems as a result. In addition, Metro has not noticed any wheel wear damage outside of normal wear and tear. **Citizens’ Advisory Council Receives Presentation on Corporate Safety and Metro Light Rail Operations**The Citizens’ Advisory Council (CAC) received a presentation on Corporate Safety and Metro Light Rail Operations on Wednesday at their monthly general assembly. Executive Officer Vijay Khawani and systems safety manager Abdul Zohbi briefed the CAC on bus, rail, construction and employee safety. They also provided an update on ridership and feedback from patrons and residents on the Expo Line which opened on April 28, 2012 and how the agency continues to improve safety on that line. The safety staff answered questions on the aging Metro Blue Line train cars from members of the public and the CAC members. In addition to their monthly general assembly on the Wednesday before the Board meeting, the group also convenes an executive board meeting on the first Friday of the month. CAC members are appointed by Metro Directors. **Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice**Utility Work in the City of Los Angeles In preparation for construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Line, work crews will continue pre-construction activities along the project alignment 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. Inspection and reinforcement of sanitary sewer encasement work is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 30, 2012 through Friday, August 24, 2012. Work hours are also scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. No work will take place on weekends. Work will take place on the center turn lane and the two adjacent lanes on Overland Avenue between Exposition Boulevard and Northvale Road. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_cpbd8twy7h.pdf). [**http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf\_uploads/cons\_cpbd8twy7h.pdf**](http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_cpbd8twy7h.pdf) |
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