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| **Have You Downloaded Metro's Mobile App Updates?**This month Metro posted an update to its mobile app for iPhone, iPad, and Android to include the new Expo Line. Since releasing the app last month, app download and customer feedback continue to stream in. The app integrates Metro's entire Bus and Rail system, Nextrip Bus Arrival Information, Metro Trip Planner, Maps, Service Alerts, and more. The iPhone app has 3.5 out of 4 stars and the Android app has 3.5 out of 5 stars. We encourage riders with smartphones to download, use the app, and leave a review. Metro riders can download the iPhone app from the [App Store](http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/go-metro-los-angeles-version-2/id523025208?mt=8), and you can download the Android app from [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.gometro) – both apps are free. Creative Services interactive design staff will soon be adding another update to include the opening of the Orange Line, and additional features requested by customers. **Artwork on the Expo Line: Farmdale Station**The Source has posted sneak preview photos of the artwork fabrication and installation for the Expo Line Farmdale Station. The artworks, by artist Michael Massenburg, are made of glass mosaic and feature 24 separate panels sharing snapshots of daily life in the neighborhoods surrounding the station area. The imagery highlights community leaders with ties to Dorsey High School (the station’s neighbor), including longtime arts instructor Dale Davis, as well as local artist Timothy Washington and poet Nikki Blak. To view the images, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2012/06/14/art-for-the-expo-line-all-in-a-day-by-michael-massenburg/).**Los Angeles Ranks 8th in Nation in APTA’s June Transit Savings Report**Los Angeles commuters who switch from driving to taking public transit can save, on average $10,916 this year, and up to $910 a month. This according to a [Transit Savings Report](http://www.publictransportation.org/tools/transitsavings/Pages/default.aspx) issued monthly by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA). The study ranked the top 20 cities with the highest transit ridership, New York City topped the chart. The transit savings are based on the purchase of a monthly public transit pass and factoring in local gas prices for June 11, 2012 and the local monthly unreserved parking rate. Finally, please note that a report in Portland’s [Oregonian](http://blog.oregonlive.com/commuting/2012/06/average_trimet_rider_saves_879.html) hailed the news in the wake of TriMet’s decision to cut service and raise fares to balance the transportation agency’s budget.**Wilshire Ramp Closure Web Chat with Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**At noon today, Media Relations and Construction Relations staff hosted a successful live chat with Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Zev Yaroslavsky to answer public questions regarding the planned closure of two key ramps at Wilshire Boulevard/I-405 beginning Friday, June 22, 2012.  Mr. Yaroslavsky received 79 questions and answered 33 during the one-hour session.  Topics of public concern included access to the VA property in Westwood, tips for businesses and organizations impacted by the ramp closures, and contractor incentives for completing work early, among many others.  Several media outlets reported on the live chat, including KNX news radio. The transcript of the live chat is now available online. To view the transcript, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/news/livechat/).**Metro ExpressLanes Program Construction Notice**As a part of the Los Angeles County Congestion Reduction Demonstration Program along the I-110 and 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 backfilled, and returned to pre-existing conditions. Trench excavation and conduit installation work will take place on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 through Tuesday, June 26, 2012 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday, weather permitting. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120614_MetroExpressLanes_Program_Construction_Notice.pdf). <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120614_MetroExpressLanes_Program_Construction_Notice.pdf>**Metro Red Line Westlake/MacArthur Park Station Construction Notice** Metro’s Contractor continues to work on the construction of the canopy at the station entrance. To facilitate the installation of the new canopy the Contract will erect scaffolding over the station entrance. Once the scaffolding has been erected, the Contractor will start erecting the steel structure. The scaffolding is scheduled to be erected on Monday, July 18, 2012 and remain for approximately ten days. The construction work hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. with possible intermittent day construction activities between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120615_Westlake-MacArthur_Park_Construction_Notice.pdf). <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120615_Westlake-MacArthur_Park_Construction_Notice.pdf>**Procurement Postings for Next Week**Fixed Income Investment Management Services for the Operating Portfolio (RFP)Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure Fixed Income Investment Management Services for the Operating Portfolio. The selected contractors shall serve as investment managers of short-term/intermediate portfolios to preserve capital and provide liquidity while maximizing earnings for Metro. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 22, 2012 through October 25, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Robert Vasquez, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1044.Awnings and Canopies at Divisions 8, 10, & 15 (IFB)Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week for a qualified and responsible contractor to perform complete construction and construction management of Awnings and Canopies at the following Divisions: Division 8, 9201 Canoga Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311; Division 10, 742 N. Mission Road, Los Angeles, CA 90033; and Division 15, 11900 Branford Street, Sun Valley, CA 91350. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 11, 2012 through August 20, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Brian P. Mahaffey, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7327.Bus Sensors (IFB)Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure various bus engine sensors. Bus engine sensors, such as an air fuel sensor, are one of the components needed to ensure the engine is operating at peak performance. Replacement sensors for various applications are needed to maintain the bus fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. Award of contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 20, 2012 through September 30, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at (213) 922-1018.Seat Inserts for the Metro Blue Line Vehicles (IFB)Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure passenger seat inserts for the Blue Line Rail Vehicles. Wear and tear on the passenger seat components necessitates an ongoing effort on the part of Metro to provide safe and clean interiors for the riding public. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 19, through August 9, 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.Janitorial Paper Products (IFB)Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure janitorial paper products. Janitorial paper products are used agency wide for personnel use as well as for a variety of applications to maintain facilities, equipment and rolling stock. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 14, 2012 through September 30, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by contract Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at (213) 922-1018.**Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**Next week, I will attend the MacArthur Park Apartments - Phase A Project grand opening event and the Metro Expo Line Culver City Station grand opening event. I will also attend the North County Transportation Coalition meeting, the BizFed Board meeting and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority’s special Board meeting. Finally, I will also take a tour of Division 9 in El Monte.  |
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