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| **Times Article Pending on Measure R Extension**  In advance of the Metro Board vote on the Measure R extension ballot item, the Los Angeles Times is expected to complete an article next week. Reporters interviewed me and with various Metro staff. They looked at a gamut of issues on both the transit and highway sides such as projected operating deficits if nothing is done to generate more fare revenue or cut expenses and asked if the Measure R transit projects would make it worse. Staff underscored that if Measure R didn’t exist and none of the new transit projects were ever built, Metro would be in far worse shape today because 20 percent of the Measure R dollars go for bus operations and 5 percent for rail. Additionally our agency would face a $99 million operating deficit today if Measure R didn’t exist. Furthermore, our agency could face an operating deficit in four years if nothing changes. Nevertheless, our Board will have many options to consider including distance based fares, peak and off peak fares, premium fares for premium service, and joint development around the new rail stations and Union Station could yield substantial lease revenue as well as advertising dollars. In addition, staff noted that Metro should receive an estimated $427 million in federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) monies for the new Measure R rail and bus rapid transit projects that will help offset operating costs. The Times reporters asked if bus service would grow and were told yes; by an estimated 10 percent between now and 2039, same for the municipal bus operators plus there are more than 40 small bus operators such as Glendale and Pasadena that should experience service growth thanks to Measure R. Staff stressed that we are building a transportation system that integrates many operators including Metro, the municipal bus operators, small local return bus operators, Metrolink and Amtrak. On the highway side, reporters were told that the Measure R extension could generate $3.7 billion in new highway funds and prime the pump for public-private partnerships to help fund major highway projects.  **Wilshire Ramp Closures**  This morning major news outlets covered the planned 90-day closure of two key Wilshire ramps at the I-405 during the 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. morning broadcasts. The Westbound Wilshire to Northbound I-405 on-ramp and Northbound I-405 to Westbound Wilshire off-ramp are scheduled to close at 10:00 p.m. tonight for demolition/reconstruction work.  Metro project staff provided interviews for morning news broadcasts, providing information about alternate freeway ramps and advising motorists to Plan Ahead, Adjust Travel Times, or Share the Ride to help mitigate traffic congestion at the Wilshire/405 interchange and Westside. Stories are expected to run throughout the day and over the weekend.  **Procurement Postings for Next Week**  Metro Gold Line Union Station Elevator (IFB)  Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure design/build construction services to install an elevator at Union Station for the Gold Line. Metro is soliciting bids for a contractor to perform a complete design, construction, installation and testing of one heavy-duty outdoor transit elevator and hoist-way at the Metro Gold Line platform at Union Station. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from June 28, 2012 through October 31, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Roger Mays, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7215.  Vault Relocation at Divisions 2, 8, 10, & 15 (IFB)  Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week for a qualified and responsible contractor to perform facility modifications to construct high strength concrete platforms at the following Divisions:   * Division 2, 750 E. 15th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021 * Division 8, 9201 Canoga Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311 * Division 10, 742 N. Mission Road, Los Angeles, CA 90033 * Division 15, 11900 Branford Street, Sun Valley, CA 91350   The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 25, 2012 through September 17, 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.  Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Design Build  Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (PRF) on June 22, 2012 to perform the final design and construction of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project (Project). The Project is an 8 ½ mile light rail line that will extend services from the intersection of Exposition and Crenshaw Boulevards to the Metro Green Line’s Aviation/LAX station. It will serve the cities of Los Angeles, Inglewood, and portions of unincorporated Los Angeles County and offer major connections with LAX and links to Metro Green Line and Exposition Line. Metro is using a two-step process to select a Design-Builder to deliver the Project. The first step sought Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) that LACMTA received in response to its Request for Qualifications (RFQ) dated December 21, 2011. The teams pre-qualified as a result of the first step are:   * Walsh Construction Company and J.F. Shea Construction Inc. (Walsh Shea Joint Venture) * Kiewit Infrastructure West Co., Skanska USA Civil West California District Inc. and Traylor Brothers, Inc. (Kiewit/Skanska/Traylor JV) * URS Energy &Construction, Inc., Flatiron West, Inc. and Dragados USA, Inc. (URS, Flatiron and Dragados) * Fluor Enterprises, Inc., Balfour Beatty Rail, Inc. and S.A. Healey Company (Crenshaw Transit Partners, JV).   This RFP is issued as a second step of the procurement process. Metro will award a Firm Fixed Price contract to the responsive and responsible Proposer offering a Proposal that is determined by Metro, based on the evaluation factors set forth in this RFP, to provide the Best Value. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 22, 2012 through November 6, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Frederick Origel, Director, Contract Administration at (213) 922-7331 or at [origelf@metro.net](mailto:origelf@metro.net).  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will join Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Chair Antonio Villaraigosa at a press event for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) TAP Program. Also, I will attend the Metro Orange Line Extension VIP Ceremony. Finally, I will attend a meeting for the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce’s 125th Anniversary Celebration in 2013, a meeting with the Los Angeles Business Council Housing, Transportation and Job Committee and the Leadership Southern California Seminar 9: Land Use, Housing, & Transportation. | |
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