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| **Monday, November 19, 2012 121119-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Los Angeles Times Articles on Regional Connector, Safety Culture Survey Scheduled to Run Later This Week**  **Metro on KCRW’s “*Which Way L.A.?”* Show** |
| **Los Angeles Times Articles on Regional Connector, Safety Culture Survey Scheduled to Run Later This Week**  Two Metro related articles should run in the Los Angeles Times later this week. A Times real estate article will spotlight the Regional Connector including a discussion of construction impacts as well as development opportunities the new rail line may create. Another article will focus on a safety culture survey of Metro Operations employees. Howard Roberts, a former high ranking official with New York and Philadelphia transit agencies, told the Times reporter that, “L.A. Metro has one of the most positive safety cultures in the U.S. “ He also noted, however, that the survey also raised some communications issues with some employees. Roberts’ findings and recommendations will be discussed by staff with our Board on December 13, 2012. In addition, officials from National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) will also address how to cultivate a strong safety culture.  **Metro on KCRW’s “*Which Way L.A.?”* Show**  Today, Deputy CEO Paul Taylor spoke on KCRW's "Which Way L.A.?" show, along with David Murphy of Angelenos Against Gridlock, about whether there are ways our agency can expedite completion of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass project more quickly. Paul said that the project is progressing but that, as with any construction project, "…the enemy of progress is surprises." He also stated that the Sepulveda Pass project has had a number of temporary delays that needed to be dealt with. He also pointed out that Metro is working with the contractor to meet deadlines, the carpool lane will be opened in stages beginning next spring/early summer and fully open on schedule by the end of 2013 and that in the end, commuters traveling through the pass will have a faster ride through one of the busiest corridors in the U.S. The show is expected to air tonight at 7:00 p.m. on KCRW 89.9 FM. | |
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