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| **110 ExpressLanes Update: 1st Sig-Alert Based Diversion of GP Lane Traffic Into ExpressLanes**  On the evening of November 27, 2012 a fatal accident occurred in the southbound general purpose lanes of the 110 (between Jefferson and 39th Street). Because the accident ended up blocking at least 3 of the general purpose lanes, California Highway Patrol (CHP) informed us that traffic was diverted from the general purpose lanes into the ExpressLanes for a short period of time during the incident. In an effort to ensure that ExpressLanes customers are not charged unfairly, we will be crediting all toll paying customers who used the ExpressLanes in the southbound direction between 10:25 p.m. and 11:50 p.m. on November 27, 2012. We have also suspended the processing of violations for the same time period so that vehicles without a transponder will not receive a violation notice.  Safety is of paramount importance in operating the ExpressLanes. In partnership with Caltrans, CHP, Metro Bus Operations and Freeway Service Patrol, we developed a Traffic Incident Management Plan to ensure coordination regarding minor and major incidents that may occur on either the general purpose lanes or the ExpressLanes. The plan also addresses the impact to motorists when CHP determines that traffic needs to be diverted into the ExpressLanes for safety reasons.  *Metro ExpressLanes is an exciting new endeavor. But like all new undertakings, it will take some time to become familiar with how it works, and it will take time before we experience the full benefits and rewards of this new traffic flow improvement project. We expect to see traffic flow enhancements and congestion reduction as the project progresses over time along with some immediate advantages such as new and more frequent transit service. Participant-adoption, and on-going feedback as a vital partner in this program will ensure its success as well as an improved travel experience for all commuters between the 110 and 10 freeways to downtown Los Angeles.*  **Procurement Posting**  Solicitation for Letters of Credit for Prop C Commercial Paper (RFP)  Metro’s financial advisor, Public Financial Management, is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for banks to provide letters of credit for our Prop C commercial paper program. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 30, 2012 through February 15, 2013. During the blackout period, any inquiries concerning this solicitation must be directed to our financial advisor, Craig Hoshijima (213) 404-0079, at Public Financial Management. | |
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