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| **Carmageddon II Coverage Started Early This Morning**  Virtually all the major local television stations and CNN along with KNX, KFI and other media did live broadcasts today from a media staging area on the shoulder of the I-405 in view of the northern section of the Mulholland Bridge that will be demolished this weekend. I-405 Project Chief Mike Barbour and Metro Media Relations staff were interviewed starting at 4:30 a.m. Coverage will continue throughout the day and night. A press conference is scheduled at 5:00 p.m. today at the City of Los Angeles Emergency Operations Center (EOC) downtown when the EOC for Carmageddon weekend is activated.  **Carmageddon II Tips for Metro Employees**  Starting this afternoon, Metro employees (and our customers) can keep up with the very latest developments on this weekend's I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project demolition of the north side of the Mulholland Bridge. At 5:00 p.m., the [home page](http://bit.ly/SUznpd) of *metro.net* becomes *Carmageddon Central*, your one-stop spot for all key information about the closure -- real-time tweets from [@405](http://twitter.com/I_405) and [@metrolosangeles](http://bit.ly/S6sxSW) Twitter accounts, a [live video feed](http://bit.ly/PJg57L) of demolition activity beginning at midnight and continuing through Sunday, updates from [the Source](http://bit.ly/NVv3cj) and [special service advisories](http://bit.ly/SpFFkm)/real-time maps via Caltrans, [go511](http://bit.ly/PLnR0M), Google and Bing. Employees are encouraged to use Metro's very popular [Eat, Shop and Play Locally](http://bit.ly/RoitCv) interactive map. It has dozens of discounts and activities in your area so that you can avoid the I-405 by eating, shopping and playing locally.  ***NOTE:*** *Metro's web team is expecting record numbers of visits to* metro.net *content and our social media sites again this year. Last July's Carmageddon weekend had the highest three day viewing totals in website history, and the hash tags '#carmageddon' and '#405' were international trending topics on Twitter.*  **Metro-Sponsored Bike Carmageddon! Rides**  In its efforts to encourage bicycling as an alternate travel mode during Carmageddon II weekend, Metro's Bicycle Program has sponsored two bicycle rides with local bike organizations on the bookends of the I-405 project area. A "Bike Carmageddon! Westside ride" is planned Saturday morning, September 29, 2012 starting at the Expo Line Culver City Station, and a "Bike Carmageddon! Valley Ride" which will start at the Orange Line's Balboa station on Sunday morning. The rides are intended to help introduce multi-modal travel opportunities for Angelenos seeking to discover L.A. by bike. The Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, Walk N Rollers, and Cyclists Inciting Change Through Live Exchange (C.I.C.L.E) are conducting the rides on behalf of Metro.  **2013 Call for Projects**  On September 28, 2012, the 2013 Call for Projects Working Draft Application package was posted on <http://www.metro.net/projects/call_projects/>. Participants in the last Call for Projects, as well as members of our Technical Advisory Committee and its Subcommittees, the Municipal Operators’ General Managers Group, Councils of Governments and others who provided their email addresses at the Call for Projects webpage, were notified via email of its availability on the web.  The working draft application package will be mailed to Board members and eligible applicants the first week of October. At the October Board meeting, we will be requesting approval of the application package. Completed applications are due on Friday, January 18, 2013.  An “Applicant Workshop” to assist Cities, the County, Transit Operators and other eligible sponsors in preparing their Call for Projects applications has been scheduled for October 10, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in our Board Room. The purpose of this workshop is to provide information regarding the eligibility of transportation projects and programs, new Call for Projects program requirements, and the evaluation criteria and schedule.  **Metro Red Line Station Canopy Project**  Lane Closures and Steel Structure Erection  Metro’s contractor continues to work on the construction of the canopy at the Civic Center Northeast Portal entrance. To facilitate the installation of the new canopy, the contractor will erect scaffolding over the station entrance. Once the scaffolding has been erected, the contractor will start erecting the steel structure. This will affect northbound Hill Street between First Street and Temple Street. The construction work is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 1, 2012 for one night. The construction work days and work hours are scheduled from 8:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., day construction activities will take place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120928_Civic_Center_Construction_Notice_Lane_Closure_and_Steel_Structure_Erection.pdf).  **Procurement Postings for Next Week**  Bus Bellows (IFB)  Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure bellows for the bus fleet. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from September 24, 2012 through January 31, 2013. The bellows are required to maintain the suspension system on the buses. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. 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.  Chevron Springs Metro Blue Line (IFB)  Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Chevron Springs for the Metro Blue Line cars. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from October 5, 2012 through November 28, 2012. The Chevron Springs are required to maintain the suspension system on the Blue Line vehicles. Award of contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Procurement Planning Administrator at 213-922-1025.  Pantographs (IFB)  Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure pantographs for the Blue and Green Line Rail Vehicles. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from October 9, through December 5, 2012. The Pantograph is installed on the rail car roof top and conducts the electrical current from the overhead catenary to the electrical system that powers the car. 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. Construction Management Support Services for the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project (RFP)Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week for firms (Proposers) interested in submitting a proposal for Construction Management Support Services for the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project. Work under this contract includes, but is not limited to, resident engineering services, inspection services, project control services, and various other construction and contract management support services through the life of the project. The procurement blackout period is October 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Susan Santoro, Sr. Contract Administrator, (213) 922-4974.Economic Impact Study of Measure R and Metro Operations (RFP) Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure professional services for the Economic Impact Study of Measure R and Metro Operations. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from October 1, 2012 through November 21, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ben Calmes, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7341.  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will attend the American Public Transportation Association’s (APTA) Annual Meeting held in Seattle Washington. | |
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