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This morning, Media Relations staff, Metro Rail Executive Director Bruce Shelburne and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) participated in media interviews to explain plans for accommodating thousands of anticipated book festival attendees, bicyclists, sports fans and others this coming weekend, April 20-21, 2013. These events, including the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books at USC, CicLAvia, the Long Beach Grand Prix and Staples Center sporting events, are expected to draw large numbers of participants to key parts of Los Angeles over a single weekend. Metro detailed specific operational plans for adding capacity to the Metro Rail system and provided tips on how to best access Metro including the Expo Line that directly serves major events this weekend. LASD also participated in a number of media interviews to discuss security for Metro services. Several media outlets interviewed staff today including channels 2/9, 7, 11, 34, KNX & KFI Radio, Brentwood Patch and the Daily News. Stories are expected throughout the day.

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