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**Meet & Greet Event for the Southern California Regional Interconnector Project (SCRIP)**

On Friday, April 19, 2013, our agency hosted over 450 participants representing an estimated 200 firms at the "Meet & Greet" Event for the Southern California Regional Interconnector Project (SCRIP). The Meet & Greet Event allowed Small Businesses to interface and discuss subcontracting opportunities with potential prime contractors and to meet Metro's Project team. A presentation on SCRIP was provided by Metro's Executive Officer over Regional Rail, Don Sepulveda.

**I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Media Inquiry**

The Los Angeles Times has inquired about a range of challenges that have extended portions of the schedule and added costs to the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project. Executives from Metro's Construction team briefed the reporter on an array of significant challenges that the project team has successfully addressed over the last three years. Those challenges included additional utility relocation work, eastward shift of Sepulveda Boulevard in the Westwood area, contractor retaining wall problems, drainage mitigations, right-of-way acquisition delays, the Giro easement lawsuit, and ongoing homeowner complaints. It was also emphasized in the interview that Metro continues to work closely with the contractor to evaluate and resolve the impact of delays caused by these issues. The project is now officially two-thirds complete. The reporter was made aware that Metro will continue to open the project in phases as soon as they are ready for use. As an example, project partners anticipate opening the southern portion of the future High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane this summer, bringing some congestion relief in the short-term. One of the key points made in the briefing was that employing a design-build construction approach will deliver the project up to seven years ahead of what it would have been using traditional design-bid-build construction methods. This will result in a savings of hundreds of millions in future construction impacts, costs and travel delays for the public. The story is expected to run in the next two weeks.

**Widening of Overcrossing of Bob Hope Drive Construction Notice**

Construction crews will be widening the overcrossing of Bob Hope Drive, as part of a Metro's \$6.2 million soundwall and bridge improvement project along State Route 134 in the City of Burbank. Therefore, the portion of Bob Hope Drive that passes below Route

134 between Warner Boulevard and Riverside Drive will be closed to vehicular traffic during construction. This work will begin on Monday, April 22, 2013 through approximately Tuesday, November 5, 2013. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](#).

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### **Expo Light Rail Line Construction Notice**

#### Full Closure of National Boulevard for Bridge Falsework Removal

As part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will temporarily close National Boulevard between Manning Avenue and Exposition Boulevard for removal of the falsework used to construct the National/Palms Bridge in the City of Los Angeles. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor Skanska-Rados, Joint Venture (SRJV), and its subcontractors. Construction work will take place on Monday, April 29, 2013 through Friday, June 1, 2013. Work hours are scheduled on Monday through Friday from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](#).

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### **Procurement Postings for Next Week**

#### Roof Replacement at Heavy Rail MOW Building (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) Thursday, April 25, 2013 for a roofing replacement project at Division 20, building 61. The scope of the project includes: asbestos abatement, installation of a built roofing system and a thermoplastic membrane roofing system. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, April 25, 2013 through Friday, May 31, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Arlene Blazevic, Assistant Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2516.

#### Liquid Waste Disposal Services (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to obtain liquid waste disposal services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 19, 2013 through November 1, 2013. The services required under the proposed contract will require removal, transportation, and disposal of liquid hazardous and non-hazardous wastes from Metro clarifiers, sump pits, trenches, hoists, water/oil separators, waste fuel tanks, storage tanks and caustic tanks located through Metro facilities. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Nicole Dang, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7438.

#### Sale of Scrap Metal (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week for sale of scrap metal. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 24 through July 18, 2013. All Metro Divisions generate scrap metal in various forms as a by-product of the normal bus and rail maintenance operations. The scrap metal is collected and sold under a revenue generating contract. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the contractor to ensure prompt service, availability of containers and payment at competitive market prices. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Otto Ojong, Contract Administration Manager at (213) 922-1018.

### **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**

Next week, I will meet with Metro Board Chair Michael Antonovich, Metro Board Director and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and Metro Board Directors Zev Yaroslavsky, Don Knabe, Mark Ridley-Thomas and Mel Wilson. I will also attend a symposium where Mayor Villaraigosa will speak on the Future of our Region's Workforce. Finally, I will attend our monthly Board Meeting.

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