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| **Tuesday, August 20, 2013 130820-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Metro ExpressLanes Reaches Important Milestone: 200,000th Transponder Issued**  **Expo Phase 2 Light Rail Construction Notice** |
| **Metro ExpressLanes Reaches Important Milestone: 200,000th Transponder Issued**  After more than nine months of operation on the I-110 and almost six months of operation on the I-10, Metro ExpressLanes has issued more than 200,000 FasTrak transponders, significantly outpacing its original projection of 100,000 transponders by February 2014.  The FasTrak customer who helped us reach the milestone is D. Willoughby from Carson, California. He has been a loyal customer since day one and states that he uses the ExpressLanes almost every day either carpooling with his young son, or commuting alone to work. The 110 ExpressLanes have cut his home to work commute down to 12 minutes instead of the 30-40 minutes it would take prior to the ExpressLanes opening.  FasTrak adoption has increased 91% from 105,063 to 200,166 since the opening of the 10 ExpressLanes in February 2013. Overall transponder adoption has increased 406% from 39,583 transponders to 200,166 transponders since the opening of the I-110 ExpressLanes in November 2012. More than 89% of transponders were issued to Los Angeles County residents with the remaining issued to residents from more than 40 counties in California and 43 states. Transponders are readily available through six different channels (metroexpresslanes.net, Mail, Phone, MEL, Walk-In Center and Retail Outlets). The majority of our customers sign-up for FasTrak offered through one of the 173 participating retail outlets – Albertsons, Costco, and the Auto Club. An unlimited number of transponders can be assigned to an account. All vehicles, except for buses and motorcycles, traveling in the ExpressLanes must have a transponder.  **Expo Phase 2 Light Rail Construction Notice**  Installation of Bridge Falsework  As part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will temporarily close Sawtelle Boulevard between Exposition Boulevard and Pico Boulevard for bridge falsework installation in the City of Los Angeles. Construction crews will erect falsework using timber and steel forms as a mold for the cast-in-place concrete bridge that will span over Sawtelle Boulevard. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor *Skanska-Rados, Joint Venture (SRJV)* and its subcontractors. Work is scheduled to begin Sunday, August 25, 2013 through Thursday, August 29, 2013 from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. To view the complete construction notice, which includes traffic impacts and advisories, please click [here.](http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_0frj3m9ppc.pdf)  [**http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf\_uploads/cons\_0frj3m9ppc.pdf**](http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_0frj3m9ppc.pdf) | |
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