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| **Accelerated Gate Latching on Metro Gold Line**  Successful latching of fare gates on the Metro Red and Purple Lines was completed on Monday, August 5, 2013. After review of this first phase, we plan to accelerate latching of five additional gated stations on the Metro Gold Line. Latching will take place on Monday, September 16, 2013 at Sierra Madre, Allen, Lake, Mariachi Plaza and Soto Stations, approximately a month sooner than originally expected. These stations will feature the same communications materials as earlier stations, including floor decals, turnstile signage, TAP vending machine signage and marketing brochures. The Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department will staff the stations from one week prior to latching through Monday, September 30, 2013. Sierra Madre, Allen and Lake Stations were originally scheduled to latch Monday, October 14, 2013. Mariachi Plaza and Soto Stations were formerly scheduled to latch the following week on Monday, October 21, 2013.  **Houston Metro to Adopt Our Award Winning Safety Ambassador Program**  On Tuesday, we learned that Houston's Metropolitan Transportation Authority is planning to adopt our award winning Rail Safety Ambassador Program. Houston will be opening a new light rail line in December. This new line will be the first in Houston’s system to operate in lanes with vehicular traffic rather than in a dedicated right-of-way. In June 2013, our program was awarded the first ever Gold Award for program innovation by APTA, and one of the criteria for the award is the ability for other agencies to implement similar innovations. Representatives from Houston attended the conference and have contacted us to learn more about our program and how it operates. We will remain in contact with them to provide additional assistance and guidance as needed and to learn from their experiences as they implement the program in their area.  **Central Maintenance Facility Hosts Event to Introduce Environmental Management System to Employees**  On Tuesday, August 27, 2013, our Central Maintenance Facility (CMF) hosted an event to introduce the Environmental Management System (EMS) to employees. EMS is a set of operational procedures used to comply with environmental regulations, prevent pollution and improve environmental performance. During the event Metro’s band, *Metro Express*, performed hits from every decade. Employees enjoyed the live music performed by the eleven member ensemble of Metro employees while receiving information on the EMS process which is being launched at the facility.  **Closures on PCH for Roadway Maintenance This Friday, August 29, 2013**  For those hoping to hit the beach early this Labor Day weekend, be aware that there may be slightly more traffic than usual on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) this Friday. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close one lane of northbound PCH (SR-1) for pavement maintenance at Heathercliff Road on Friday, August 29, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Minor delays are expected. Caltrans reminds motorists to Slow for the Cone Zone and Move Over. Also, be sure to share the road with cyclists. For the full article as posted on The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/08/29/closures-on-pch-for-roadway-maintenance-this-friday/). | |
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