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| **Thursday, December 19, 2013 131219-1**  **In this Issue:** |
| **Mulholland Bridge Re-Opening**  Today, I joined Metro Board Chair Diane DuBois and Metro Board Director Zev Yaroslavsky to celebrate the reopening of the Mulholland bridge. The return of the new bridge to full capacity is the latest milestone for the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project. At 82 feet wide, 75 feet high and 608 feet long, the new bridge is both wider and longer than the original bridge built in 1959. It also has a similar lane configuration as the original bridge, but now has dual widened sidewalks, a widened center median, and is designed to meet the latest seismic standards. As part of the construction efforts, the original bridge was demolished during the “Carmageddon” freeway closures of 2011 and 2012. Numerous media covered the bridge opening, including KCBS 2/KCAL 9, KNBC 4, KTLA 5, KABC 7, KTTV Fox 11, 13, Telemundo 34, KFI, KNX, NTDTV, City News Service, and TV18. Stories are expected to run throughout the day. To view the complete news release as posted on The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/12/18/carmageddon-revisited-metro-caltrans-and-kieiwit-reopen-iconic-mulholland-bridge/).  **Holiday Sweater Group Photo at Union Station**  This Friday, December 20, 2013, Metro is encouraging riders to wear their ugliest holiday sweater and meet for a group photo at the Metro Gold Line Union Station platform at 11:00 a.m. Photos from the National Ugly Holiday Sweater Day will be shared on Metro’s social media and on The Source and El Pasajero to help promote ridership on the Gold Line during the holiday season. To read The Source post, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/12/16/celebrate-ugly-holiday-sweater-day/).  <http://thesource.metro.net/2013/12/16/celebrate-ugly-holiday-sweater-day/>  **I-405** **Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Construction Notice**  ­­Southbound I-405 Full Nighttime Directional Closure As part of the ongoing construction for the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project, work crews will implement a full directional closure of the southbound I-405 to facilitate the shifting of K-rail and traffic lanes. Work will be conducted between the U.S. 101 and Getty Center Drive off-ramp. Two closures are scheduled, the first beginning on Thursday, December 19, 2013 and continuing through Friday, December 20, 2013. On Thursday, December 19, 2013, ramps will close at 7:00 p.m., leading up to the full southbound directional closure early morning Friday, December 20, 2013, from 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. The second closure is scheduled to begin Saturday, December 21, 2013 and continue through Sunday, December 22, 2013. On Saturday December 21, 2013 lanes will close at 10:00 p.m., leading up to the full southbound directional closure early morning Sunday, December 22, 2013, from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131218_405_Construction_Notice.pdf).  **Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Construction Notice**  Water Line Crossing Relocation  As part of the advanced utility relocation construction of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Metro Builders will perform saw cutting construction activities to support the water line crossing relocation at the intersections of Crenshaw Boulevard/48th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard/50th Street. Following the saw cutting activities will be the excavation of the new water line. The work is slated to begin Saturday, December 21, 2013 for approximately four months, weather permitting. The contractor will not be working on the nights of Tuesday, December 24, 2013, Wednesday, December 25, 2013, Tuesday, December 31, 2013 nor Wednesday, January 1, 2014. On Saturday, December 21, 2013 the construction work hours are from 9:00 am to 6:00 p.m. Starting on Monday, December 23, 2013 the work hours will shift to night time starting at 9:00 pm to 6:00 am, Sunday through Thursday, weather permitting. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131218_Crenshaw_LAX_Water_Line_Relocations.pdf).  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131218_Crenshaw_LAX_Water_Line_Relocations.pdf> | |
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