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Yesterday, we held a meeting of South Bay and Westside transit providers, hosted by Culver City. Presentations included updates on the ExpressLanes project, the LAX FlyAway program, TAP, Director DuBois' recent motion on fare restructuring, potential upcoming service changes at Metro and other operators, and a report on phase 2 of the Expo Line. Following the presentations, each of the meeting participants informed the group about what is happening at their agency or city. Yesterday's meeting included participants from Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus, Culver City, UCLA, West Hollywood, Gardena Municipal, Torrance Transit, Los Angeles World Airports(LAWA), LA County Dept. of Public Works, the Expo Construction Authority, and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. Metro coordinates these meetings several times a year for municipal, local and other providers in each of the five Metro Service Council regions. They allow Metro and our partner agencies to discuss information about recent, current and upcoming activities we all share an interest in. Last month, the San Gabriel Valley transit providers group met at Access Services in El Monte, and meetings will be held in the coming weeks with representatives of transit providers in the Gateway Cities and San Fernando Valley regions.

I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Media Inquiry

The Los Angeles Times has inquired about reconstruction work required on some Mechanically Supported Earth (MSE) walls as part of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project. Contractor Kiewit Infrastructure West reported that in late 2011, it found certain components of some retaining walls that were structurally compromised due to quality issues with supplier materials. When the issue was identified, only about one quarter of the retaining wall work had been completed. The contractor has since reconstructed all affected retaining walls on the project. However, the project team is now performing a Time Impact of Delay analysis to determine the impacts of this reconstruction activity and other issues on the overall project schedule. The project team remains focused on delivering the project as quickly as the project scope will allow, and will continue to open parts of the project incrementally as soon as they are completed. The story is expected to run this week.

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