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| **Metro Employee Honored by the National Association of Minority Contractors**  Last week, Metro Business Outreach Officer Dr. Sherman Gay was honored by the National Association of Minority Contractors, Southern California Chapter (NAMCSC) with the 2013 Minority Business Advocate Award. The prestigious award was presented to Dr. Gay at the NAMCSC’s 14th Annual Awards Dinner. Dr. Gay has contributed greatly to the growth and development of minority contractors and will continue working with them as Metro looks to begin more construction projects in the coming year. For the complete story as posted on The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/10/21/namc-award-honor-metro-employee/).  **I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project**  This morning, the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements contractor required additional time to conduct falsework removal activities at the Wilshire Interchange. Sepulveda Boulevard remained closed between Ohio and Wilshire Boulevard until approximately 10:00 a.m. The Northbound off-ramp to Westbound Wilshire was also closed. Existing detours from last night's related work activities remained in place and nearby freeway ramps were left open. Traffic control officers were deployed to the area to assist motorists. Drivers were advised to avoid the area if possible to help reduce congestion impacts. Metro Media Relations provided updates to City News earlier this morning.  **Expo Phase 2 Update Meetings**  The Exposition Construction Authority will be holding construction update community meetings for Phase 2 of the Expo Line project. Stakeholders will receive information on upcoming construction activities and timelines. The format will include a short formal presentation from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., followed by an open house session to facilitate dialogue and community input from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please see the meeting information below for details:  Santa Monica Construction Update Wednesday, October 23, 2013 6:30 p.m. Crossroads School  Community Room 1715 Olympic Boulevard Santa Monica, CA 90404 Parking available on campus and surrounding streets  Los Angeles Construction Update Wednesday, October 30, 2013 6:30 p.m. Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services Gymnasium 3200 Motor Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90034 Parking available on campus  ADA language accommodation can be made by reaching the Expo Construction Authority at (213) 243-5534. For more information, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/October-2013-P2-Construction-Update-Meeting-NOTICE.pdf).  <http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/October-2013-P2-Construction-Update-Meeting-NOTICE.pdf> | |
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