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| **Reminder: 38th Annual Metro Bus Roadeo 2013 Scheduled for this Saturday**  I would like to remind you that the 2013 Metro Bus Roadeo is scheduled for this Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event will be held at our usual location of Santa Anita Race Track, Gate 6. The Roadeo will include Transportation and Maintenance events along with lunch, entertainment, exhibits and a car show. I encourage you to attend, bring your families and enjoy a great day of fun, activities and energetic competition. For more details, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130913_Bus_Roadeo_Event_Flyers.pdf).  **Metro Announces Kick-off of Restoration Work on North Hollywood Train Depot**  This morning, I joined Metro Board Chair Diane DuBois, Metro Board Director Zev Yaroslavsky and Los Angeles City Councilman Tom LaBonge to announce the start of restoration work to the historic Southern Pacific Lankershim/North Hollywood Train Depot built more than 100 years ago in 1896. Metro is taking the lead in performing the restoration work to the train depot located adjacent to the Metro Orange and Red Lines in North Hollywood by funding a major portion of the $3.6 million project. Restoration work is expected to take 10 months to complete. Funding is made possible through Metro by using $2.5 million in Prop. C half cent sales tax monies and $1.1 million from the City of Los Angeles. The train depot is one of the oldest unmodified railroad structures in Southern California and is located in the heart of the North Hollywood Arts District. The depot started out as a high platform station for loading trains from a local packing plant, farms and cannery industries. Later it was used as the North Hollywood Red Car pedestrian station until the demise of the Pacific Electric in 1952. Media attending today’s press event included KABC-TV, KFI Radio and a reporter with the North Hollywood Patch. Stories are expected to run later today.  **AltCar Fleet Conference and Expo in Santa Monica, September 20-21, 2013**  Our agency is a sponsor of the [8th Annual AltCar Fleet Conference and Expo](http://www.altcarexpo.com/). The event takes place September 20-21, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. Attendees will participate in presentations and demonstrations of the latest advancements in alternative technology vehicles, transportation, and energy efficiency as well as listen to speakers from automakers, policymakers and planners sharing the latest info on alternative vehicle technologies. Ford’s new F-150 natural gas vehicle and four prototype natural gas consumer vehicles from BMW, Chrysler, Honda and Hyundai will also be on view. Show your valid TAP card or Metro employee ID at the AltCar info booth and get a chance to [win a free Nissan LEAF weekend rental](http://www.metro.net/service/discounts/travelsustainability/altcar-expo-september-20-21/).  **Metro Attends “Amtrak® Salutes Veterans” Celebration and Employment Fair**  Yesterday, our Human Resources and Strategic Workforce Planning staff participated with 12 other organizations in the “Amtrak® Salutes Veterans” celebration and employment fair (co-sponsored with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation) held at Union Station’s Fred Harvey room. An opening ceremony was held featuring Amtrak® Director (and former Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member) Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Los Angeles City Councilmember Tom LaBonge (4th Council District), Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez (51st Assembly District) and Amtrak® Deputy General Manager Mike Chandler. Our staff met with 30 veterans seeking jobs, 8 of whom were immediately invited to test for the position of Bus Operator in a previously-scheduled testing session occurring on Saturday September 21, 2013. Hands-on training was offered to job seekers on how to submit an application through Metro’s website. Our agency is firmly committed to supporting veterans and their family members with employment opportunities as they transition from military service into the civilian workforce. We believe service members, veterans, National Guard members and reservists have many of the skill sets that would readily transfer to careers in transportation. We have developed a robust veterans hiring initiative, with staff reaching out to veterans here in Southern California, across the nation, and even on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific to share information about Metro job opportunities and career paths. Currently, our agency employees over 600 individuals who have self-identified themselves as veterans, including over 100 hired since the initiative began 18 months ago.  **Construction Notice: Gold Line/Union Station**  Elevator Installation  A second elevator is being installed at the Gold Line Union Station entrance to enhance patron access to the station platform. Construction activities are scheduled to begin Monday, September 23, 2013 through January 2014. The existing elevator will remain in operation throughout construction. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130920_Gold_Line_Station_Elevator.pdf).  **Procurement Posting for Next Week**  Pulse Width Stepper Valves (IFB)  Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Pulse Width Stepper Valves (PSV). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from September 23, 2013 through January 30, 2014. The PSV valve controls fuel delivery to the Series 50 bus engines. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1018.  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**    Next week, I will have briefings with Metro Board Chair Diane DuBois and Metro Board Directors Michael Antonovich, Eric Garcetti, Zev Yaroslavsky, Jackie Dupont-Walker, Don Knabe and Michael Bonin and will attend our monthly board meeting. I will have separate meetings with the Crenshaw Chamber and Eastern Group Publications. Also, I will attend the LOSSAN board meeting and a Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)/Metro Joint Meeting. Lastly, I will participate in an interview with Los Angeles Focus Monthly Publication regarding the Business Summit in South Los Angeles. | |
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