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| **Thursday, October 15, 2009**  **20091015-1**  In this issue:   * **Metro Holds Community Meetings On Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project** |
| **Metro Holds Community Meetings On Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project**  Media Relations issued a news release this morning noting that Metro will hold two community meetings/open houses Tuesday, October 20 and Thursday, October 22 in Montebello and Pico Rivera to update the public on transit alternatives being recommended to the Metro Board of Directors for the environmental phase of the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project.  The release notes that the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 project area includes 13 cities in an 80 square-mile area that is challenged by future growth and traffic on freeways and congested arterial streets. The cities are Bell, Commerce, Downey, El Monte, Industry, Los Angeles, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pico Rivera, Rosemead, Santa Fe Springs, South El Monte, Whittier, and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. Also noted is that in October, the Metro Board will consider reducing the number of build alternatives from four to two for further study in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR) and the Advanced Conceptual Engineering (ACE). The two alternatives Metro staff recommends for further study are light rail along State Route 60 and on Washington Boulevard.  This recommendation is based on: ridership, cost-effectiveness, travel time savings, community acceptability, environmental effects and safety.  Link to the News Release:    <http://www.metro.net/news_info/press/Metro_166.htm> |
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