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| **Reminder: MAP-21 Panel Discussion To Be Hosted By Metro Next Month**As we shared in a Daily Brief item on July 26, 2012, our agency will be hosting a panel discussion on the recently enacted federal surface transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), on August 15, 2012. This panel discussion, to be held in our Board Room, will include presentations from senior transportation experts from both the Executive and Legislative Branches, think tanks and key transportation stakeholders. The panel discussion will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon and will focus on the local, regional and national impacts of MAP-21. With a specific emphasis on California and Los Angeles County, this panel will elaborate on funding formulas, innovative financing (America Fast Forward), public private partnerships and core programs that are embedded in MAP-21. For your review, please find [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120803_MAP21_Conf_Invite.pdf) a flyer that will be broadly distributed to transportation stakeholders throughout Los Angeles County. To RSVP for this MAP-21 panel discussion please contact my office at (213) 922-6888. <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120803_MAP21_Conf_Invite.pdf>**FTA Denies Light Rail Vehicle Protest**Today, the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Chief Counsel Dorval R. Carter has shared with our agency correspondence in which he denies the light rail vehicle protest filed by CAF USA, Inc. CAF alleged our agency violated two requirements applicable to federally funded procurements (a) Buy America provisions and (b) full and open competition. The FTA Chief Counsel’s letter notes that his agency, “…declines to exercise jurisdiction over this protest.” Given the receipt of this correspondence from the FTA, our agency will proceed to execute the light rail vehicle contract approved by the Board of Directors. We deeply appreciate the FTA’s careful and comprehensive review of this matter. For your review, please find attached a copy of the August 3, 2012 [letter](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120803_Carter_to_Verdeja_re_LACMTA_Protest_Appeal.pdf) addressed to CAF by FTA Chief Counsel Dorval R. Carter.<http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120803_Carter_to_Verdeja_re_LACMTA_Protest_Appeal.pdf>**Gateway Cities Region Transit Providers Meeting**Yesterday, Long Beach Transit hosted the Gateway Cities Transit Providers quarterly meeting. The group received an update on upcoming service changes  from Long Beach Transit and Norwalk Transit, and an update on recent modifications to Metro Line 202 serving the Artesia Blue Line Station and nearby shopping center. They also discussed Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Antonovich's recent motion concerning improved scheduling coordination and received updates on the TAP program, including a briefing on the new EZ pass stickers we will soon be introducing, and on upcoming improvements at the Metro Artesia Blue Line Station. Each of the attendees provided an update on  their service issues and discussed potential topics for the next meeting. Other agencies represented at the meeting included Montebello Bus Lines, and the cities of South Gate and Whittier. Gateway Cities Service Council Representatives Wally Shidler and Cheri Kelley, who is also the Mayor of Norwalk, also participated in the meeting. We regularly conduct regional Transit Providers meetings for municipal and local operators, cities and other regional transit partners serving the areas represented by our five Metro Service Councils. This was the first transit providers meeting this quarter. The other four regional Transit Providers meetings will be conducted in the next few weeks.**CalCon Expo 2012**Yesterday, Metro participated in the California Construction (CALCON) expo in Pasadena, and I was the keynote speaker for the luncheon. Hundreds of companies providing construction and professional services participated in the expo and met with participating agencies and contractors to create business opportunities. Metro staff also served as speakers or panelists in morning sessions and workshops. The event was well attended and Metro distributed several hundred handouts to businesses explaining how to do business with Metro.**Expo Line Construction Notice**Sewer Investigation and Relocation of Sanitary Sewer LineAs a part of the construction of the Expo Line project, work crews will be relocating an existing sanitary sewer line currently under Venice Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. The work is being managed and performed by the general contractor Balfour Infrastructure Inc. (BBII) and its subcontractors. Work activity will take place near the intersection of Venice Boulevard and Robertson Boulevard. This work will begin on Thursday, August 2, 2012 through Friday, September 21, 2012. Work hours are scheduled from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday and from 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., on Fridays. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_e4fc8yuqab.pdf). [**http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf\_uploads/cons\_e4fc8yuqab.pdf**](http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_e4fc8yuqab.pdf)**Procurement Postings for Next Week**Exploratory Shaft for the Westside Subway Extension Project (IFB)Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure services to construct an Exploratory Shaft for the Westside Subway Extension Project. The work includes the excavation and structural support of an exploratory shaft approximately (40x20x75 ft) in gassy ground conditions that include tar sands; mechanical (ventilation and sump pumps); electrical and gas monitoring with control systems; assist Metro in carrying out geologic mapping; geotechnical monitoring of the excavation; tieback testing; gas monitoring within the excavation and ventilation system; the removal of paleontological resources; and other ancillary work. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from August 3, 2012 through October 24, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sonia Gomez, Assistant Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7247.Park and Ride Assessment (RFP)Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure professional services of a firm to assess 41 park & ride properties that are used by Metro, but owned by Caltrans, to ensure these properties are safe, efficient, attractive, and clean, and provide an effective service to the public. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from August 7, 2012 through November 30, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Victor Zepeda, Contract Administrator, at zepedav@metro.net.Traction Motor Overhaul Services (IFB)Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure services for DC traction motor overhaul for the Metro Red Line cars. Overhaul of the DC traction motors is required to support the maintenance and repair/overhaul program on Metro’s Red Line cars. These services are essential to ensure that the traction motor’s performance is in accordance with the manufacturer’s performance criteria. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from August 6, 2012 through September 27, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Otto Ojong, Sr. Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1454.**Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**Next week, I will participate in the Watts Theater Village Theater Company VIP Gala & Pre-Show event. I will join Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Member Antonio Villaraigosa at an event entitled Conversations About the Future of Los Angeles. Additionally, I will attend a special presentation on the Los Angeles County Clean Water Measure held by BizFed. I will address Metro’s 2012 TCAP graduating class. Finally, I will meet with Mayor of Pasadena Bill Bogaard and Councilmember Chris Holden.  |
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