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| **Tuesday, August 14, 2012 120814-1**  **In this Issue:**   * **I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project** * **Silver Line Late-Night Services Starts Friday, August 17, 2012** |
| **I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project**  KABC 7 has inquired about reconstruction progress for the Wilshire Ramps and Mulholland Bridge, two major construction activities now underway as part of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project. Staff reported that the contractor is currently ahead of schedule in rebuilding the first two ramps at the Wilshire Interchange. The bridge decks for the ramps have been poured and are now curing, and construction crews are now working on the bridge approaches. With the start of school this week, the project has redeployed traffic control officers at key intersections along Sepulveda, Santa Monica and Sunset to help students and commuters adjust to their new traffic patterns. Construction crews continue to prepare the Mulholland Bridge for demolition weekend September 29-30, 2012. Much of the utility relocation work on the bridge has been performed.  Contractor crews are now starting work to construct temporary traffic signals, a prerequisite for later shifting traffic onto the new bridge in preparation for the north side bridge demolition. Metro continues to seek the public’s cooperation during “Carmageddon II,” and encourages the public to enjoy another car-free weekend in Los Angeles. The story is expected to run this afternoon.  **Silver Line Late-Night Services Starts Friday, August 17, 2012**  Since Metro Rail and the Metro Orange Line began running late-night weekend service last month, ridership between midnight to end of service has increased by fifty percent. Encouraged by this result, we have now added late-night service to the Metro Silver Line, which will begin this Friday, August 17, 2012. On Friday and Saturday nights, the last Silver Line bus will depart Artesia Transit Center at 1:56 a.m. and depart El Monte Bus Station at 2:00 a.m. This offers transit riders from downtown Los Angeles, the San Gabriel Valley and the South Bay a new travel option on weekends. | |
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