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| **CTC Approves Corridor Mobility Improvement Account Funding** The California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved all nine actions to address the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) savings issue affecting the Interstate-5 North Burbank/Empire (I-5 North) and I-5 South Widening from Orange County Line to I-605 (I-5 South) projects at its meeting yesterday (Thursday, December 6, 2012). The proposed actions restore a total of $167 million out of a total of $178 million potential loss, consistent with Metro Board report #25, which is scheduled for action next Thursday, December 13, 2012. I would like to thank those Board members who communicated with the CTC to support this effort.**Metro’s Holiday Free Fares, Service to New Year’s Celebrations** To help keep holiday revelers safe, Metro will again offer free service on the nights of Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve. As specified by a standing Board policy adopted in 2006, no fare will be charged from 9:00 p.m. on December 24, 2012 until 2:00 a.m. on December 25, 2012 and from 9:00 p.m. on December 31, 2012 until 2:00 a.m. on January 1, 2013. In addition, all Metro Rail lines will again run throughout the night on New Year’s Eve, enabling Rose Parade attendees to reach the parade route as early as they choose. A press event scheduled for December 27, 2012 and featuring this year’s Rose Queen and her Royal Court will emphasize the ease with which Metro enables riders to reach the parade route, the Rose Bowl game and the post-parade float viewing area. Please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/121207_Free_Fares_Brochures_and_2013_NYE_Celebrations.pdf) to see brochures advising riders of the Holiday Free Fares and New Year’s Celebration service.  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/121207_Free_Fares_Brochures_and_2013_NYE_Celebrations.pdf>**Community Films Series** To celebrate the construction phase of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor, video maker Mobolaji Olambiwonnu, from Dreamseeker Media, worked with Metro Creative Services to produce a series of six short videos that illustrate the history, current needs and anticipation for rail in the community along this future alignment. Thethird film in the series is the story of Reverend Altragarcia Perez, Director of the Holy Faith Episcopal in Inglewood. The Reverend has two daughters with busy schedules and they are in need of a lot of chauffeuring. She speaks about her dire need for better public transportation for her and her daughters. Without it, she’s finding it difficult to raise her children with a sense of independence. To view this video along with the other two that have already been posted, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/projects/crenshaw_corridor/community-videos-series-elders/). Stay tuned for the next three videos. For more information about the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor page, please visit [*metro.net/crenshaw*](http://www.metro.net/projects/crenshaw_corridor/).<http://www.metro.net/projects/crenshaw_corridor/community-videos-series-elders/>**Los Angeles Times Architecture Critic Focuses on Metro’s Impact on Lankershim Boulevard in San Fernando Valley**Los Angeles Times architecture critic Christopher Hawthorne will soon run another story in a series of his pieces focusing on major boulevards in the Los Angeles region. This one will spotlight how transit is having an impact on Lankershim Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley. Hawthorne says that Metro has generally had a positive impact since the subway was extended to Universal City and North Hollywood in 2000. He will critique plans for a Universal City pedestrian bridge and a short pedestrian tunnel planned to connect the Metro Orange Line and Red Line subway in North Hollywood. The piece will also update readers on progress for restoring the historic train depot in North Hollywood and the status of joint development opportunities around Metro land in North Hollywood and Universal City. The article should run later this week.**Los Angeles Times Story on Ridership Growth**The Los Angeles Times is preparing a story on rail and bus ridership growth over the last two years and received stats in terms of both rail and bus ridership growth here at Metro. The reporter is also looking at ridership growth at other transit properties here in the southland including Orange County, San Bernardino and Riverside. The story is expected to run early next week.**Eastside Transit Oriented Development Community Meeting Update**Last night, we hosted a meeting at the Boyle Heights Senior Center to provide an update on the status of six eastside transit oriented development sites. Over 100 community members were in attendance, including many property owners and representatives from the East Los Angeles Community Corporation, Union De Vecinos, and the Boyle Heights Building Healthy Neighborhoods Coalition. The presentation focused on three sites that will soon be available for development—Mariachi Plaza, First and Soto, and Chavez and Soto, but the community provided input on all six sites. This input included recommendations concerning a pocket park, grocery stores, Laundromats, and market rate and affordable housing. We will be coming to the Board early next year to request authorization to initiate the RFP process.**Procurement Postings for Next Week**Landscape Installation and Maintenance for Freeway Beautification Project (IFB)Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure landscape installation and maintenance services for Metro’s Pilot Freeway Beautification Project. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from December 13, 2012, through April 1, 2013. The landscape installation and maintenance services is being procured to improve the freeway environments by installing landscape and irrigation systems using sustainable materials, and to provide maintenance services for the identified project areas to maintain the objective of this beautification project. 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.Metro Labor Compliance and Construction Careers Policy Software System (RFP)Procurement has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to obtain a Contractor to provide/develop a web-based software (on-line tool) program to track, monitor and report Labor Compliance and Construction Careers policy activity for Metro construction projects. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 26, 2012 through February 28, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Metro’s Nathan Jones III, Contract Administration Manager at (213) 922-6101.Auxiliary Inverters (IFB)Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Auxiliary Inverters. The procurement process blackout is expected to run from December 13, 2012 through February 20, 2013. The primary function of the auxiliary invertor is to convert the DC current coming from the overhead catenary to AC current, which operates the HVAC system, lighting, air compressors for brake systems, blower system for the propulsion inverter and charging of the car batteries. Each Blue Line rail car will be retrofitted with a new auxiliary inverter. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1025.Forklifts – 6000 Pound Capacity (IFB) Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week for the solicitation of fifteen (15) Forklifts with 6,000 lbs. capacity each as defined in the Solicitation Document. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from December 6, 2012 through January 3, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ruth DeWitt, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1076.Metro Filming Liaison (RFP) Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) this week to procure a vendor to provide support and coordination for filming and photography shoots on Metro property. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from December 3, 2012 through January 31, 2013. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA or Metro) requires the services of a liaison to work with production companies, photographers and other entities that wish to use Metro owned properties for location shooting. The selected contractor will be responsible for coordinating all contracts and activities from the initial scouting to the final teardown of the location shoot. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Linda Rickert, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922- 4186.In-Ground Heavy Duty Hydraulic Lifts Repair, Parts, and Training (IFB)Procurement advertised Invitation for Bids (IFB) on November 27, 2012 to procure the services of contractor(s) to provide Ground Heavy Duty Hydraulic Lifts Repair, Parts, and Training. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 27, 2012 through February 28, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Thomas Meng, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1074.Metro Transit Passenger Information System (TPIS) Service Support (RFP)Procurement has released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to obtain a Contractor to provide software maintenance and implementation services including operating system level upgrades and minor fixes for Metro’s TPIS. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from December 4, 2012 through February 28, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Metro’s Nathan Jones III, Contract Administration Manager at (213) 922-6101.Safety Improvements at El Monte Busway & Harbor Transitway Stations (IFB)Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids ( IFB) next week to procure Bid-Build construction services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from December 12, 2012 through January 16, 2013. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority is soliciting bids for a General Contractor to perform installation services of bollards and ADA truncated Domes for the El Monte Busway & Harbor Transitway Stations. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tiffany Smith, Administrative Intern or Wayne Okubo, Contract Administrative Manager, smithTi@metro.net or okubow@metro.net. **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**Next week, I will meet with Chair Michael Antonovich and Board Directors Mark Ridley-Thomas, Don Knabe, Zev Yaroslavsky and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. I will also attend the “Turning of the Bulbs” Ceremonies and our monthly Board Meeting. Lastly, I will attend the Regional Connector Advance Utility Relocation Press Event.  |
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