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| **Countdown to Metro ExpressLanes:** **Tip #6 –Tolling 101**  With only five days left, understanding how tolling will work on the 110 is essential. While all vehicles must have a FasTrak transponder to use the ExpressLanes, only solo drivers will be charged a toll.   * Traffic conditions set the toll. The goal is to ensure an average minimum travel speed of 45 mph in the Metro ExpressLanes at all times. The minimum toll per mile is 25 cents; the maximum is $1.40. The average toll is estimated between $4 and $7. Sensors are deployed that measure congestion and adjust the tolls dynamically as the number of vehicles in ExpressLanes increase. The more traffic in the ExpressLanes, the higher the toll amount. The less traffic in the ExpressLanes, the lower the toll amount. * Traffic volume and length of trip determines your toll. Commuters will always know the current toll amounts prior to each entry point via electronic overhead signs. Toll amounts on the ExpressLanes are based on the current traffic volumes and the length of your trip. Approximately ¼ mile away from the entrance to the ExpressLanes, an overhead electronic sign displays two toll amounts: 1) The current toll from this entrance to the next major exit; and 2) The current toll from this entrance to the end of the ExpressLanes. Once you enter the ExpressLanes, your toll amount is locked in based upon your original point of entry into the ExpressLanes and the length of your trip. * Tolls benefit the corridors where they are generated. Net toll revenues will be reinvested into transit and other transportation improvement projects within the corridors where they are generated.   For more info on how the pricing works, please click [here](http://youtu.be/_fFk2wH-HAc).  *About Metro ExpressLanes*  *Metro ExpressLanes is an exciting new endeavor. But like all new undertakings, it will take some time to become familiar with how it works, and it will take time before we experience the full benefits and rewards of this new traffic flow improvement project. We expect to see traffic flow enhancements and congestion reduction as the project progresses over time along with some immediate advantages such as new and more frequent transit service. Participant-adoption, and on-going feedback as a vital partner in this program will ensure its success as well as an improved travel experience for all drivers between the 110 and 10 freeways to downtown Los Angeles.*  (<http://youtu.be/_fFk2wH-HAc>)  **Update: Metro Charitable Giving Campaign**  The Metro Charitable Giving Campaign is at Gateway Plaza, Tuesday, November 6, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in front of the 3rd floor guard’s desk. You may now fill out a donation form online at the following address, print it out and drop it off with the charitable organizations on-hand:  <http://mymetro/AdminPolicies/Documents/2012_Charitable_Giving_Brochure.pdf>  The Metro Charitable Giving Campaign makes it easy for Metro employees to give back to our community. The 2012 campaign runs October 15, 2012 — November 16, 2012. Please [click here](http://mymetro.metro.net/AdminPolicies/Lists/2012_Metro_Charitable_Giving_Campaign/calendar.aspx?) to see when the campaign representatives will be at your facility.  Employees may donate to their favorite charities through payroll deductions or one-time gifts. Charitable donations may be divided equally among all Fund Distribution Agencies (FDAs), designated to one or more FDAs of the employee’s choice, or designated to ANY eligible charity of the employee’s choice, even if it’s not one of the many charitable organizations represented by the FDAs below.  The FDAs involved in this year’s campaign are listed below with their administrative fees. More information is provided by clicking on each FDA's name to go to their website.   * [The Asian Pacific Community Fund (APCF)](http://apcf.org/) – 15% * [The Brotherhood Crusade](http://www.brotherhoodcrusade.org/) – 14% * [Community Health Charities of California (CHCC)](file:///C:\Documents%20and%20Settings\rubene\Local%20Settings\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\2GVU22LN\california.healthcharities.org\) – 7% * [EarthShare California](http://earthshareca.org/) **–** 20.08% * [The Hispanic Scholarship Fund](http://www.hsf.net/) – 7% * [The United Latino Fund (ULF)](http://www.unitedlatinofund.us/) – 12% * [UNCF – United Negro College Fund](http://www.uncf.org/) **–** 9.1% * [United Way of Greater Los Angeles](http://www.unitedwayla.org/) **–** 12.5%   Please contact Ernie Ruben at x2-7082 or [rubene@metro.net](mailto:rubene@metro.net) to review the information provided by the California Attorney General’s Charity Research Tool.  **I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Media Inquiry**  The Daily News has sought Metro’s reaction to a new campaign by Angelinos against Gridlock to complete I-405 project work as soon as possible. Project staff reported that Metro is equally interested to get this project done as quickly and cost-effectively as we can. We are working with the contractor and utilities to shorten the schedule and efficiently complete the work while still honoring commitments to mitigating noise and traffic impacts. The story is expected to run tomorrow.  **Regional Connector Project Media Inquiry**  The Los Angeles Times has inquired about the status of the Regional Connector Project.  Staff reported that some advance utility relocation work activities are planned to start this month, including excavation and trenching in the project area. The project has also been cleared by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to enter Final Design. The story is expected to run this week.  **Expo Light Rail Line Construction Notice**  Relocation of On-Street and Underground Utilities  As part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will be relocating various existing on-street and underground utilities located along Sepulveda and Exposition Boulevards in the City of Los Angeles. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor *Skanska-Rados Joint Venture (SRJV)*, and its subcontractors. Construction work will take place on Monday, November 5, 2012 through Friday, March 29, 2012. Construction work hours are scheduled from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Hours are contingent upon city approval. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_qv2s6ybqkx.pdf).  [**http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf\_uploads/cons\_qv2s6ybqkx.pdf**](http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_qv2s6ybqkx.pdf)  Relocation of On-Street and Underground Utilities  As part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will be relocating various existing on-street and underground utilities currently located along the Expo Right-Of-Way (ROW) on Palms Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor *Skanska-Rados Joint Venture (SRJV)*, and its subcontractors. Construction work will take place on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 through Thursday, January 31, 2013. Work hours are scheduled from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. No work will take place on the weekends. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_oqteg4lh2s.pdf).  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