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| **110 Express Lanes and the USC/Notre Dame Game**  Inquiring minds might ask how did the Express Lanes perform during last Saturday’s USC game day? I am happy to report that the system performed well – much better than the Trojans! The volume of traffic was less than previous home games, but was higher than a weekday volume. The toll system did not have to go in to “HOV Only” mode as the volume and traffic density were not that high. The maximum posted toll in the northbound direction was $8.65 and the average toll was $5.65 (between 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.). Post-game traffic started around 8:40 p.m.; gradually increasing. Post-game average speed was above 60 mph.  As a reminder, “HOV Only” mode occurs when the volume of traffic in the Express Lanes is so heavy that the speeds fall below 45 mph for more than 10 minutes. The electronic signage changes from displaying tolls to displaying the message “HOV only.” This serves as an alert to solo drivers not to enter the Express Lanes until speeds climb back to 45 mph or faster. However, a solo driver already with a trip in progress in the Express Lanes is allowed to complete their trip. This helps ensure smoother flowing traffic in the Express Lanes for all who use them.  For more info on how the Express Lanes work, please visit [www.metroexpresslanes.net](http://www.metroexpresslanes.net).  *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.*  **Media Focuses on Sepulveda Pass Closure**  This morning, Media Relations staff responded to calls from the media regarding the Sepulveda Boulevard closure that began today between Montana and Church Lane/Ovada Place. Lane reduction during the day and full Sepulveda closure at night will last until the morning of Monday, December 9, 2012 on this stretch of road. The closure is needed to reconfigure Sepulveda Boulevard as part of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass improvements Project. Channels 2/9, 7 and KNX Radio are all expected to broadcast stories throughout the day. | |
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