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| **Artists of the Metro Orange Line Exhibition Opens October 11, 2012 at Los Angeles Valley College**  Metro is organizing an exciting new exhibition in collaboration with Los Angeles Valley College demonstrating how artists enrich the transit environment for Metro customers. Opening on October 11, 2012, **Translations: Artists of the Metro Orange Line** features the works of twenty artists commissioned for the Metro Orange Line. Learn more about the exhibition on [The Source](http://thesource.metro.net/2012/08/30/artists-of-the-metro-orange-line-exhibition-opens-october-11-at-los-angeles-valley-college-2/).  **Go Metro this Weekend: September 7-9, 2012**  Go Metro this weekend! Take part in the Greek festival at the Los Angeles Greek Fest and take advantage of the free admission tonight, Friday, September 7, 2012. There will be a $3 fee on Saturday and Sunday, but go Metro and receive a discount. Take Metro bus 30 to Normandie/Pico or Metro Rapid 733 to Normandie/Venice. You can also take the Expo Line to Culver City or Metro Bus 33 to the Helms Bakery and enjoy a screening of the Wizard of Oz on Saturday, September 8, 2012. Also on Saturday, you can also participate in the Good Food Pie Contest at Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) or just enjoy the samples of homemade goods! Take Metro Bus 20 to Wilshire/Ogden. Lastly, you can also visit the Flash Festival on Saturday and Sunday at the Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits. Take Metro Bus 20 to Wilshire/Curson. To view the complete story posted on the The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2012/09/07/go-metro-weekends-sept-7-9/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=go-metro-weekends-sept-7-9).  <http://thesource.metro.net/2012/09/07/go-metro-weekends-sept-7-9/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=go-metro-weekends-sept-7-9>  **I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Update**  Metro Media Relations has fielded numerous media inquiries regarding the planned directional freeway closures planned on the weekends leading up to the Mulholland Bridge Demolition weekend September 29-30, 2012. A southbound directional freeway closure will occur Saturday night, September 8, 2012 and continue until 9:00 a.m. Sunday, September 9, 2012 to enable the contractor to remove bridge falsework. The following weekend will also include a similar directional closure for the Northbound I-405. The general closure area is between the U.S. 101 and Getty Center Ramps. Stories are expected to run continually over the following weeks until the actual demolition of Mulholland Bridge.  **I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Community Meeting**  Continuing its outreach preceding the demolition of the north side of Mulholland Bridge, the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Project held a Community Meeting last night to describe the demolition and freeway closure September 29-30, 2012. Members of the Unified Command, the association of public agencies responsible for public safety during the I-405 closure, answered questions from an audience of approximately 40. The Unified Command was represented by Captain Kevin Gordon, California Highway Patrol; Assistant Chief Patrick I. Butler, Los Angeles Fire Department; Deputy Chief, Deputy Chief Jorge Villegas, Los Angeles Police Department; Diana Gomez, Caltrans; Aram Sahakian, Los Angeles Department of Transportation. Michael Barbour, project director, began the discussion by sharing dates of predemolition work, beginning the night of September 8, 2012. Several media outlets attended the meeting, as did four representatives of elected officials: Joaquin Macias from the office of City Councilman Bill Rosendahl; Wesley Hernandez from Councilman Paul Koretz’s office, as well as Joe Hari and J.C. Lacey from the office of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa.  **Metro’s Creative Services and Construction Relations Produces Video on Mulholland Bridge Demolition**  Metro’s Creative Services and Construction Relations teams have collaborated to produce a 2 minute and 14 second video that explains the whys and wherefores of the demolition of the north side of Mulholland Bridge and the resulting closure of the I-405 September 29 -30, 2012. Colorful and lively, using animated maps and video from last year’s July demolition, the video puts the demolition and closure in context, while explaining the benefits of the rebuilt Mulholland Drive Bridge. Creative Services used the I-405 project palette while incorporating energetic graphics. Please click [here](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZbDwnvMB_o&feature=youtu.be) to view the video.  <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZbDwnvMB_o&feature=youtu.be>  **I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Construction Notice**  Full Closure for Off-Ramp Falsework Construction  Sepulveda Boulevard will be fully closed beginning Thursday, September 13, 2012 during the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., from Ohio Avenue to Wilshire Boulevard. These nightly closures are expected to continue until Thursday, October 11, 2012. The closure is necessary to construct falsework for the new Eastbound Wilshire off-ramp. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/projects_studies/I405/images/notice_2012_0913.pdf).  <http://www.metro.net/projects_studies/I405/images/notice_2012_0913.pdf>  **Procurement Postings for Next Week**  Gateway Cities Transportation Strategic Plan Phase II (RFP)  Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure services for Phase II of the Gateway Cities Transportation Strategic Plan. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from September 12, 2012 through October 24, 2012. Metro is seeking professional services to conduct Phase II of the Gateway Cities Transportation Strategic Plan. The purpose of the study will be to assist Metro in collaboration with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments to frame decisions about transportation infrastructure investments and enhance the cities’ ability to receive economic benefits from such investments. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Erika Estrada, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1102.  Master Overhaul Transmission Kits (IFB)  Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Master Overhaul Transmission Kits. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from September 13, 2012 through December 30, 2012. Master Overhaul kits will be used to overhaul the B500R WTEC transmissions used in the NABI bus fleet. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at (213) 922-1018.  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will join Mayor & Metro Board Director Antonio Villaraigosa at the press event entitled *Witness the Future of Rail Safety* as Metrolink Unveils its Positive Train Control Test Train. I will also attend a press event for Carmageddon II and take part in a luncheon held by our agency and Metrolink with National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chair Debbie Hersman. Additionally, I will attend the Union Station Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting and will be attending the Los Angeles Current Affairs luncheon with Gina Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Los Angeles World Airports. | |
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