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| **Major Media Covers Transit Juvenile Diversion Program** This morning, all the major television news stations in Los Angeles covered a joint press event with the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and Metro to unveil a new Transit Juvenile Diversion Program. Sheriff Lee Baca, Metro Chief Operations Officer Frank Alejandro, LAUSD Superintendent Dr. John Deasy and student leaders spoke. Each year more than 4,000 students are cited for fare evasion, smoking, unruly behavior and similar minor infractions on Metro.**Under this program the school district would take responsibility for putting student offenders through remedial education to learn proper transit behavior instead of taking the students out of school, their parents out of work and the deputies from the field to attend court. Future infractions would lead to prosecution, however. Our agency also wants to curb these offenses before they lead to vandalism, which costs us millions of dollars annually. Stories will air throughout the day on Channels, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 22, 34 and 62. Hoy and Sing Tao newspapers also attended.****Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project**On Saturday, September 8, 2012 the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project Director and Construction Relations Team provided a project briefing to the Park Mesa Heights Neighborhood Council where approximately 30 participants were in attendance. Staff provided status on the project as well as an overview of their efforts to secure a night time noise variance for that segment of the alignment and answered questions. To date, the project has already received 4 out of the 5 variances requested through the City of Los Angeles Police Commission. Staff encouraged the public to stay connected to the project by signing up for the project’s database. Mr. Theodore Thomas, Ms. Adrianne Sears and Mrs. Linda Ricks from the Crenshaw Leadership Council attended the meeting.  **Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice**Relocation of Existing Underground Utilities – City of Santa MonicaIn preparation for construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will be relocating existing underground utilities currently located under Colorado Avenue in the City of Santa Monica. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor *Skanska-Rados Joint Venture (SRLV),* and its subcontractors. Construction work is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 17, 2012 through Friday, March 29, 2013. Work hours are scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Construction activities will be in the travel lanes on Colorado Avenue at various points between 4th and 17th streets. Day work will be ongoing behind the concrete barriers (k-rail) and night work will be scheduled intermittently at various intersections. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_dji4t1apyn.pdf). <http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_dji4t1apyn.pdf> |
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