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| **Judge Denies Request for Regional Connector Preliminary Injunction**  Today, the Court denied Petitioner Thomas Properties' request for a preliminary injunction that, if granted, would have temporarily stopped all further Metro efforts to construct the Regional Connector. Since construction is not imminent, the Court held that Petitioner failed to make a significant showing of irreparable harm. In fact, the Court found that an injunction would harm Metro to a greater extent than Petitioner would be harmed if the injunction is denied. Most significantly, Petitioner failed to show it was likely to prevail on the merits of its California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lawsuit at trial. The Court recognizes that substantial evidence supports MTA's decision regarding Flower Street tunneling alternatives. At this stage of the proceedings, the Court does not believe that Metro violated any of CEQA’s requirements. These early indications from the Court are very encouraging as we prepare for the upcoming trial on the merits of Petitioner’s CEQA claims.  **Space Shuttle Endeavour Over Metro**  The Source has posted pictures of the Endeavour space shuttle as it flew over Metro headquarters building today. Please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2012/09/21/moments-endeavour-over-metro/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=moments-endeavour-over-metro) to view the pictures.  **Metro Monthly Green Tips: September 2012**  Going green all at once is too much for almost anyone to accomplish. Instead, try adding a few more ideas each month, or pick one from a past months green tips. This month’s green tips focus on ways to incorporate sustainability into your travel.   1. Alternatives: Reduce your car’s carbon impact through diversification. Many Metro employees have embraced public transportation through buses and rail, but there are more options such as bicycling and carpooling. Adding bicycling to your lifestyle will not only reduce your gas consumption but keep you in great shape as well. Metro also has options for car and vanpools, using this strategy with coworkers to save gas and money, all while reducing the carbon footprint for everyone involved.  Get the most from your existing vehicle: There are a few no cost ways to increase gas mileage, optimizing your vehicle and get the most from every gas tank. First – check the air pressure of your tires regularly, properly inflated tires can save up to $20 per month in gas, which adds up to $240 a year. This practice is safer for you as a driver and improves fuel consumption. Secondly, calm down behind the wheel! Aggressive driving can waste up to 30% more fuel than when driving patiently and slowly. Lastly, use cruise control when you can. An Edmunds.com study shows that using cruise control at highway speeds offers an average fuel savings of 7%.Technology worth investment: A bigger decision for transportation could be looking at replacing your existing vehicle with something more efficient such as a hybrid vehicle, or even a more fuel efficient vehicle. There are more options than ever for alternative fuel vehicles such as biofuel/biodiesel vehicles and plug-in hybrids. Many of these vehicles still qualify for federal tax incentives too. You can review green ratings for all car models released since 200 at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) ["Green Vehicle Guide”](http://ofmpub.epa.gov/greenvehicles/Index.do;jsessionid=SgYyQXJLGJHmTgJ2WsPzPK1npGQGQB8DHHKms1b9Jp2BGtLhyTsH!-1575010203). By implementing this month’s green tips into your transportation choices you’ll help in building a more sustainable and future!  **Expo Light Rail Phase 2 Construction Notice**  Bundy Drive Bridge Construction  As part of the construction of the Expo Light Rail Phase 2, work crews will begin all the necessary activities to support the construction of the Bundy Drive Bridge including implementing new traffic controls and excavation for the bridge foundations on the Expo Right-of-Way (ROW) 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. Work hours are scheduled from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Restriping traffic lane work is scheduled on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 (night work) from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. K-rail (concrete barrier) Installation work is scheduled on Thursday, September 27, 2012 (night work from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Bridge construction work is scheduled on Monday, October 1, 2012 (day work) for approximately 16 months. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_fzptah0ut9.pdf).  <http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_fzptah0ut9.pdf>  **Procurement Postings for Next Week** Supplemental Engineering Services for Rail Systems Engineering (RFP)Procurement will release on September 24, 2012, a Request for Proposals (RFP) for firms (“Proposers”) interested in submitting a proposal for Supplemental Engineering Services for Rail Systems Engineering for various projects. Work under this contract includes, but is not limited to, furnishing engineering and design services for rail systems, including train control, communications, traction power, overhead contact systems, and facilities mechanical and electrical engineering, on an as-needed basis. The procurement blackout date is September 24, 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 Susan Santoro, Sr. Contract Administrator, (213) 922-4974. Communications Support Services (RFP)  Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure professional services of a firm to provide technical and strategic communications support services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from September 27, 2012 through December 10, 2012. 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. Furnish and Install One 1-Ton Capacity STAK System at Division 3 Warehouse (IFB) Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) this week to furnish and install one 1-ton capacity STAK system at Division 3 warehouse. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from September 19, 2012 through November 30, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Gabriel Hurtado, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-2632.  Metro Blue Line HVAC Compressor Overhaul (IFB)  Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure services for HVAC compressor overhaul for the P865/P2020 light rail vehicles (LRV). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from September 27, 2012 through December 10, 2012. Overhaul of the HVAC compressors is required to support the maintenance and repair/overhaul program on Metro’s Blue Line P865 and P2020 light rail vehicles. These services are essential to ensure that the HVAC compressor’s performance is in accordance with the LRV manufacturer’s performance criteria. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Otto Ojong, Sr. Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1454.  Metro Red Line Tile Replacement (IFB)  Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for a qualified Design/Build Contractor to design, furnish, and install new porcelain tile at two Metro Red Line (MRL) existing underground stations at Civic Center and Pershing Square. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from September 24, 2012 through December 24, 2012. The purpose of this procurement is to replace damaged tiles and replace with new ones at the two MRL stations. Tile flooring layout patterns shall be identical to existing, and match tile colors close to original color scheme at each station. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Leonardo Lopez, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-3675.  Solicitation for Letters of Credit for Prop A Commercial Paper (RFP)  Metro’s financial advisor, Public Financial Management, has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for banks to provide letters of credit for our Prop A commercial paper program. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from September 20, 2012 through November 16, 2012. During the blackout period any inquiries concerning this solicitation must be directed to our financial advisor, Craig Hoshijima (213) 489-4079, at Public Financial Management.  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will be meeting with Board Chair Antonovich, Los Angeles Mayor and Board Member Villaraigosa and Board Members Knabe and Ridley-Thomas. Additionally, I will be meeting with former County Supervisor Yvonne Burke to discuss her nomination by President Obama to serve on the Amtrak Board of Directors and I will also be speaking at the Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury. I will also be participating in a tour of the Metro ExpressLanes  with Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-35) and attending a hearing being conducted by Assemblymember Mike Davis that will feature "A Review of Rail Transportation in Southern California”. Finally, I will be attending the Mobility 21 Board of Directors dinner and summit. | |
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