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| **Go Metro to the Los Angeles Taco Festival on Saturday, August 17, 2013**  Boyle Heights is a landmark for producing some of the best tacos Los Angeles has to offer and you can experience it all at the 2nd Annual Los Angeles Taco Festival. On Saturday, August 17, 2013 from 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., this free community event will offer every kind of taco one may desire, from birria to carne asada to shrimp, as well as live Mariachi music and arts and crafts. Taking place at the Mariachi Plaza Station, the Gold Line will take passengers directly to the festival. Bring an appetite and a valid TAP card to the event and receive a free drink while supplies last. The exclusive offer is part of Metro’s Destination Discounts program. To read the complete story as posted The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/08/06/destination-discounts-go-metro-to-the-l-a-taco-festival-and-receive-a-free-drink/).  **Major National Artist Project and Concert at Union Station**  A major art project will appear next month at Union Station. [*Station to Station: A Nomadic Happening*](http://www.stationtostation.com) will connect artists, musicians and cultural icons with diverse communities for a series of interventions and site-specific happenings. Over the course of three weeks in September, a train will travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific, making nine stops along the way in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Minnesota, New Mexico, Arizona and California, each time for a one-night only live event. The project stops at Union Station on Thursday, September 26, 2013 and will feature a concert with several performers (tickets for the concert went on sale today [here](http://www.stationtostation.com/tickets/)**). Other activities, including five “nomadic sculptures,” will be accessible for free outside the concert event. To read the complete story as posted on The Source, please click** [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/08/08/major-national-artist-project-and-concert-at-union-station/)**.**  **Metro Division 13 Bus Maintenance and Operations Facility Project Construction Notice**  Street Repairs, Potholing Work, and Sewer Line Construction  As part of the ongoing construction activities for the Metro Division 13 Bus Maintenance and Operations Facility Project, the Contractor will perform potholing work, sewer line construction and other related work along Cesar E. Chavez Ave and the Cesar Chavez Avenue & Vignes Street intersection. This activity requires full weekend street closures of Cesar Chavez Ave between Vignes Street and Mission Road, and weeknight lane closures of Vignes Street, north of Cesar Chavez Avenue. The weekend street closures will begin Saturday, August 10, 2013 from 7:00 A.M. through Sunday, August 11, 2013 at 5:00 P.M. The weeknight lane closures will occur on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, August 12 – 14, 2013 from 8:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. the next day. The closures will continue on weekends and weeknights through September 29,2013 excluding Labor Day weekend. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130808_Cesar_%20Chavez_%20Potholing_%20August_%202013.pdf).  [**http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB\_Attachments/130808\_Cesar\_%20Chavez\_%20Potholing\_%20August\_%202013.pdf**](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130808_Cesar_%20Chavez_%20Potholing_%20August_%202013.pdf)  **Upcoming Directional I-405 Freeway Closures Through the Sepulveda Pass Planned**  The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements contractor will be removing falsework on the Mulholland Bridge in the Sepulveda Pass on Saturday nights over the next three weekends. This will require full directional freeway closures from Valley Vista Drive to Skirball Center Drive between the hours of 10:00 P.M. until 8:00 A.M.  Closure Schedule   * Saturday, August 10, 2013: Full southbound freeway closure, from Valley Vista to Skirball, from 10:00 P.M. until 8:00 A.M. * Saturday, August 17, 2013: Full southbound freeway closure, from Valley Vista to Skirball, from 10:00 P.M. until 8:00 A.M. * Saturday, August 24, 2013: Full northbound freeway closure, from Skirball to Valley Vista, from 10:00 P.M. until 8:00 A.M.   101 Freeway Connector Ramp Closure Schedule   * August 10, 2013 and August 17, 2013: 101 connector ramps closed to southbound I-405 * August 24, 2013: 101 connector ramps closed to northbound I-405   Emergency vehicle access will be maintained. Also, pedestrians will be rerouted to a safe area outside of the construction zone. Sepulveda will be used as the detour route and no closures will take place on Sepulveda from Valley Vista to Moraga. For additional project information or to obtain detour maps, visit [www.metro.net/405](http://www.metro.net/405). Follow the project on social media at [www.facebook.com/405project](http://www.facebook.com/405project) and <http://twitter.com/I_405>.  **Procurement Postings for Next Week**  Capacitors for Red Line Cars (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure various capacitors for the Metro Red Line cars. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, August 13, 2013 through Tuesday, September 24, 2013. The capacitors are used in the Metro Red Line car’s electronic circuits and act as an input filter for noise, and provide stable voltage to the propulsion system. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1025.  Solicitation for Gateway Building Elevator and Escalator Services (RFP)  Metro will release Request for Proposals (RFP) next week for the solicitation of Gateway Building Elevator and Escalator Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 12, 2013 through Thursday, October 31, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Kenneth Takahashi, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1047.  Travel Demand Model Enhancements (RFP)  Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) next week to procure the services of a qualified Consultant firm to develop Travel Demand Model Enhancements. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 12, 2013 through Monday, October 7, 2013. Metro’s current Travel Demand Model has undergone and is currently undergoing a number of substantial enhancements. Most notably the addition of Congestion Crowding effects in transit, and the addition of a bicycle/non-motorized model component. This procurement will integrate those enhancements in the existing model (Phase I) and update the model to a more detailed representation (Phase II). Phase I will integrate all of these efforts within the framework of the existing Metro model, zonal geography, and network. This will develop the necessary batch files, scripts, and processes to be used in model application. The Phase II effort will be a calibration/validation of the Phase I model framework on a new more detailed geographic scale and network. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to, and may only be answered by Ed Kichi, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-3647.  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will speak at the Women in Transportation (WTS) - Orange County Chapter seminar hosted by Metro. I will also meet with Metro Board Chair Diane DuBois and attend a briefing with Metro Board Members Eric Garcetti, Paul Krekorian, Jackie Dupont-Walker and Mike Bonin. In addition, I will have separate meetings with Councilmember Gil Cedillo and Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) CEO Darrell Johnson. Finally, I will attend the California High Speed Rail meeting, Regionwide CEO’s meeting, Metrolink CEO’s meeting, Joint Effort I-405 meeting, Mobility 21 meeting and a LOSSAN CEO’s conference call. | |
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