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| **Tuesday, January 8, 2013 130108-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project Groundbreaking**  **21st Annual Black-Eyed Peas Luncheon** |
| **Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project Groundbreaking**  This morning I attended the Gerald Desmond Bridge Groundbreaking Ceremony. Board Director Diane DuBois was on hand to speak about Metro’s partnership with Caltrans, and the Port of Long Beach, and The U.S. Department of Transportation. Metro is excited to be a partner in the delivery of this project.  **21st Annual Black-Eyed Peas Luncheon**  Today I attended the 21st Annual New Year’s Black-Eyed Peas Luncheon hosted by Board Director Mark Ridley Thomas and the Empowerment Congress. The event was well attended by county representatives as well as Sheriff Leroy D. Baca. The setting was spectacular, overlooking Grand Park from the Hall of Administration. Black-eyed peas are a New Year’s Day Tradition in the American South. It is believed that eating black-eyed peas during New Year’s Day brings you prosperity and good luck throughout the year. It was a great celebration to kick off the 2013. | |
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