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| **Wednesday, January 9, 2013 130109-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Go Metro Mobile App Reaches 100K Download Milestone**  **California Governor Jerry Brown to Release 2013-2014 State Budget Proposal Tomorrow** |
| **Go Metro Mobile App Reaches 100K Download Milestone**  Metro's mobile app, Go Metro v2, has been downloaded over 100,000 times by mobile customers. Launched in April of 2012, the app has received 55,000+ downloads for Android devices, and 57,000+ downloads for iPhone devices. The app is an example of how customers are attaining Metro information with modern technology and the popularity of mobile. Go Metro v2 is a transit app that utilizes the device's GPS and displays the closest Metro stops and stations; then displaying Nextrip's real time bus arrival or scheduled arrivals for rail. It also integrates Metro's Trip Planner; customers may download and save any of Metro's service maps (bus and rail); view integrated Twitter Service Alerts, Planned Service Advisories, news stories from Metro's various blogs, news headlines, and other Twitter feeds. For more information about Metro’s mobile app and where to download it, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/mobile/metro-mobile-app/).  The app would not be possible without the collaboration efforts of these departments:  - Nextrip real time bus arrivals from Nextrip and ATMS in ITS  - Trip Planning from Customer Relations and ITS  - Scheduling information and maps from Service Development & Performance Analysis  - Twitter alerts from COO's Office, Construction Relations, Metro Library, Media Relations, Bikes  The app is designed and managed by Communications web staff and developed by Axiom xCell, a mobile developer in San Diego, CA.  <http://www.metro.net/mobile/metro-mobile-app/>  [More information and download info from metro.net](http://www.metro.net/mobile/metro-mobile-app/)  **California Governor Jerry Brown to Release 2013-2014 State Budget Proposal Tomorrow**  Governor Brown will release his 2013-14 State Budget Proposal tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.  This will be the first budget proposal which reflects the Governor’s reorganization of state government. In particular, the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency has been divided into separate agencies with different functions. Tomorrow’s budget will be the first for the newly created Transportation Agency. The Transportation Agency includes the California Transportation Commission, California High Speed Rail Authority, Caltrans, the Department of Motor Vehicles and the California Highway Patrol. This budget will also reflect the passage of Proposition 30 which was approved by the voters in November and provided limited tax increases. This increased revenue prevented significant cuts to the State Budget but did not entirely eliminate the State Budget deficit. Metro Government Relations will review and provide a summary of the Transportation portion of the State Budget shortly after it is released by the Governor. | |
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