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| **Thursday, July 18, 2013 130718-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Director Eric Garcetti Announces Board Appointees**  **KPCC Radio Inquiry Regarding How Contractor Plans to Meet Job Practice Requirements on Crenshaw/LAX Project**  **I-10 HOV Project Construction Notice** |
| **Director Eric Garcetti Announces Board Appointees**  Today, Metro Board Director and Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti announced the appointment of Coucilmember Mike Bonin, Councilmember Paul Krekorian, and “Jackie” Dupont-Walker to the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority.  Please join me in welcoming our newly appointed board members to our agency. For more information, please view the full story posted on the Source by clicking [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/07/18/los-angeles-mayor-eric-garcetti-announces-his-three-appointees-to-the-metro-board-of-directors/).  <http://thesource.metro.net/2013/07/18/los-angeles-mayor-eric-garcetti-announces-his-three-appointees-to-the-metro-board-of-directors/>  **KPCC Radio Inquiry Regarding How Contractor Plans to Meet Job Practice Requirements on Crenshaw/LAX Project**  Today, a reporter from KPCC Radio interviewed Michelle Caldwell, Chief Administrative Services Officer, regarding the hiring plans for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project. Staff explained that Walsh/Shea is required to adhere to the Board adopted Construction Careers Policy and Project Labor Agreement. An integral part of the plan will be the jobs coordinator, proposed by Walsh/Shea and approved by Metro, to facilitate hiring and ensure adherence to Board policy. The hiring of workers will be based on two important factors: a) workers who live in economically disadvantaged areas and b) workers who meet thedisadvantaged worker criteria. It was also indicated that the actual hiring will be done though the Union Halls by the Contractor’s jobs coordinator. A story is expected to run next week.  **I-10 HOV Project Construction Notice**    55-Hour Connector Closures Scheduled for I-10 HOV Project  Caltrans has issued a news release advising motorists of two 55-hour weekend lane closures of the northbound and southbound San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605) connectors to the eastbound San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) for pavement and drainage work. These closures are weather permitting and subject to change. The first closure is scheduled to begin this Friday, July 19, 2013 at 10:00 p.m. These 55-hour connector closures are part of the I-10 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) project, which will add an HOV lane in each direction of I-10 between I-605 and Puente Avenue. Anticipated completion is summer, 2013. The 55-hour closure is scheduled to take place over two weekends, first on Friday, July 19, 2013 through Monday, July 22, 2013 from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. The next weekend closure is scheduled to begin on Friday, August 2, 2013 through Monday, August 5, 2013 from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Closures include the eastbound I-10 Frazier Street off-ramp, the northbound I-605 to eastbound I-10 connector, and the southbound I-605 to eastbound I-10 connector. For more information, please see the Caltrans notice posted on the Source by clicking [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/07/17/55-hour-connector-closures-between-10-and-605-freeways-this-weekend/).  <http://thesource.metro.net/2013/07/17/55-hour-connector-closures-between-10-and-605-freeways-this-weekend/> | |
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