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| **State Building and Construction Trades Council of California Backs America Fast Forward**  With only 327 days before the expiration of the current federal surface transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California (led by President Robbie Hunter) have endorsed our Board-approved policy of seeking to enact into federal law America Fast Forward (AFF) Transportation Bonds. AFF Transportation Bonds would represent a new class of tax credit bonds that could be used to accelerate transportation projects across the country, including our agency’s Measure R highway and transit projects. These bonds, if embedded in the next surface transportation bill, could be a meaningful supplement to the Highway Trust Fund and an innovative financing tool in which states and local/regional transportation governments utilize local funds to finance projects of regional and national significance. It is estimated that AFF Transportation Bonds would leverage private capital to create over 550,000 private sector jobs nationwide. The State Building and Construction Trades Council of California was very helpful last year in advancing our Board-approved effort of dramatically expanding the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan program during Congressional consideration of MAP-21. I welcome support for the AFF Transportation Bond initiative from this prominent union. In the coming month, we look forward to securing support for AFF Transportation Bonds from over 200 mayors and dozens of Chambers of Commerce from across the United States. The U.S. Congress is expected to consider a new surface transportation bill next year.  **Regular Weekday Service on Veterans Day**  On Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2013, Metro will run on the regular weekday schedule. A large rally is expected to take place in downtown Los Angeles, which could impact several bus lines in the area. Service advisories will be posted to Metro’s [Service Advisories page](http://www.metro.net/service/advisories/)and on Twitter at [@metrolosangeles](https://twitter.com/metrolosangeles) and [@metroLAalerts](https://twitter.com/metrolaalerts).  **State Route 134 Soundwall Construction Notice**  As part of Metro’s continuing State Route 134 (SR-134) soundwall construction and road improvements project, ongoing closures and detours have been in place in the area. Portions of Bob Hope Drive are set to re-open on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at 6:00 a.m. The completed work on this section of the SR-134 soundwall and road improvements will repair construction related damages to the roadway pavement, and restore minimum vertical clearance of 14’-11" at the Bob Hope Drive undercrossing. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131108_134_Soundwall_Notice.pdf). For more information, call the Metro Capital Projects hotline at (213) 922-6913 or the Project Contractor at (805) 331-0819.  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131108_134_Soundwall_Notice.pdf>  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice**  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to implement the closures as part of a project to construct a truck lane on southbound Interstate 5 (I-5) between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and the Antelope Valley Freeway (State Route-14). Construction activities are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 and continue through Saturday, November, 16, 2013. To view the Caltrans construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131108_Caltrans_I_5_Notice.pdf).  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131108_Caltrans_I_5_Notice.pdf>  **Procurement Postings for Next Week**  High Density Storage for Division 1 (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to furnish and install new storage equipment at Metro Division 10 to include: one Vertical Lift Module, one Vertical Carousel, and one Stak System with Crane and Adjustable Racking. Optional work includes the disassembly and removal of old storage equipment. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, November 15, 2013 through Friday, December 6, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ruth DeWitt, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1076.  Sale of Scrap Metal (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week for sale of scrap metal. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, November 14, 2013 through Wednesday, December 18, 2013. All Metro Divisions generate scrap metal in various forms as a by-product of the normal bus and rail maintenance operations. The scrap metal is collected and sold under a revenue generating contract. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the contractor to ensure prompt service, availability of containers and payment at competitive market prices. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Mona Ismail, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7376.  Nuts, Bolts & Miscellaneous Hardware (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Nuts, Bolts & Miscellaneous Hardware. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, November 11, 2013 through Monday, March 31, 2014. Metro is seeking vendors who can provide a one-stop solution to establish a customer managed inventory process to support inventory requirements for nuts, bolts, fasteners and hardware type items through an on-line purchasing and payment system. Any inquiries from the public concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Juelene Close, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1066.  A/C Blower Motors (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) next week to procure A/C Blower Motors. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, November 15, 2013 through Thursday, April 24, 2014. The blower motors under this procurement are needed to repair and maintain the HVAC systems on the Red Line A650 Breda cars. Any public 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 [jacksons@metro.net](mailto:jacksons@metro.net).  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will attend the European American Enterprise Council’s (EAEC) business exhibition and conference entitled: 1st Edition Guggenheim Bilbao. Also, in observance of the Veterans Day holiday, I want to express my gratitude to all veterans for their service to our nation and give a special thanks to those Metro employees currently on active duty in support of our overseas military operations. Have a safe and pleasant holiday. | |
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