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| **Thanksgiving Weekend Travel/Union Station Safety and Security Press Conference**  This morning, Metro, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) and Metrolink hosted a Thanksgiving Travel/Union Station Safety and Security press conference. Thanksgiving weekend is the most heavily traveled period of the year, and Union Station is the busiest rail terminal in the west with approximately 60,000 daily boardings. Speakers highlighted the Department of Homeland Security “See Something – Say Something” national campaign. This event is part of an ongoing effort to engage passengers in safety and security measures by urging travelers to be safety eyes and ears by being observant of their surroundings to keep the holidays as safe as possible. KABC-TV, KMEX – Univision 34, KAZA-TV, Channel 62-TV, NTD-TV, Channel 18-TV, World Journal, and TVK24 covered the press conference. Stories are expected to run today.  **Potential Purple Line Design/Builders Visit Exploratory Shaft**  On Friday, November 22, 2013, Metro invited all of the pre-qualified Design-Build teams to visit the exploratory shaft being constructed for the Purple Line Extension near the La Brea Tar Pits. The Design-Build representatives had an opportunity to view the shaft site, in order to better understand ground conditions in the area as they prepare their proposals. The test shaft is now about 35 feet deep and we expect to reach the finished depth of 75 feet early in 2014. Twelve individuals participated in this opportunity, receiving appropriate safety training in advance. Design/Build proposals for the project are due January 3, 2014 and we anticipate making a contract award recommendation to the Metro Board of Directors in May 2014.  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notices**  I-5 Truck Lane Project  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to implement the closures as part of a project to construct truck lanes on 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 Monday, November 25, 2013 and continue through 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 27, 2013. There will be no closures for this project over the Thanksgiving holiday from Wednesday, November 27, 2013. at 6:00 a.m. to Monday, December 1, 2013 at 11:59 p.m. To view the Caltrans construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131125_I-5_Truck_Lane_Project.pdf).  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131125_I-5_Truck_Lane_Project.pdf>  I-5 High Occupancy Vehicle Improvement Project  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to implement the closures as part of a project that is constructing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the Interstate 5 (I-5) and State Route-170 interchange. Construction activities are scheduled to begin on Monday, November 25, 2013 and continue through 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 27, 2013. There will be no closures for this project over the Thanksgiving holiday from Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at 6:00 a.m. to Monday, December 1, 2013 at 11:59 p.m. To view the Caltrans construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131125_Arleta_I_5_Notice.pdf).  http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB\_Attachments/131125\_Arleta\_I\_5\_Notice.pdf | |
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