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| **Thursday, October 10, 2013 131010-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Metro Hosts Corridor Advisory Group (CAG) Meetings for Metro ExpressLanes Program**  **Expo Phase 2 Light Rail Line Construction Notice** |
| **Metro Hosts Corridor Advisory Group (CAG) Meetings for Metro ExpressLanes Program**  This week our agency convened Expresslanes’ I-10 and I-110 Corridor Advisory Groups, respectively in the cities of El Monte and Gardena. The two CAG’s were formed five years ago to provide stakeholder input to the program from development through implementation. Participants included Metro Board Director John Fasana and representatives from the offices of State Assemblymembers Ed Chau, Roger Hernandez, Isadore Hall, and Steven Bradford, State Senator Ted Lieu, and City of Los Angeles Councilmember Bernard Parks, Los Angeles World Airports, Metro South Bay & San Gabriel Valley Service Councils, South Bay Cities Council of Governments, California Highway Patrol, Caltrans, and educational, business and community-based organizations. We shared information on the early results of the program, lessons learned, and next steps including draft guidelines on the use of net toll revenues. CAG members acknowledged the success of the program to date and encouraged Metro to broaden outreach highlighting the range of benefits that are part of the ExpressLanes program. Metro ExpressLanes commuters on the 10 and 110 freeways are saving as much as 30 minutes in peak period drive time, and we continue to see an increase in carpoolers and transit ridership along the two corridors. Those interested in signing up for a Metro ExpressLanes transponder can visit [www.metroexpresslanes.net](http://www.metroexpresslanes.net)  **FHWA’s Exploratory Advanced Research Program Grants Caltrans and Partners $1.6 million for a Pilot Program**  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) was recently awarded a $1.6 million grant under the Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) Exploratory Advanced Research Program (EARP) to study and pilot partially automated truck platooning. Metro is partnering in this effort in addition to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG), the University of California- Berkeley Partners for Advanced Transportation Technology (PATH), Cambridge Systematics, Volvo Technology of America, and Peloton Technology. This project is a major stepping stone on the path to advance truck platooning technology. The goal of this project is to augment existing adaptive cruise control technology with the addition of vehicle to vehicle communications to allow for close proximity truck platooning. As part of this effort, Metro and GCCOG will be working with Caltrans to simulate the truck platooning concept and technology on the I-710 corridor in support of the automated truck control concepts proposed in the I-710 Corridor Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Study. The EARP grant will be used on research and simulation, and will culminate in the demonstration of automated truck platooning in Los Angeles County in 2016. For more information on the Exploratory Advanced Research Program, please click [here](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/advancedresearch/pubs/13071/index.cfm).  can be found <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/advancedresearch/pubs/13071/index.cfm>  **Expo Phase 2 Light Rail Line Construction Notice**  Bridge Falsework Removal  As part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will temporarily close Motor Avenue between Irene Street and Walavista Road for bridge falsework removal in the City of Los Angeles. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor *Skanska-Rados, Joint Venture (SRJV)* and its subcontractors. Construction work is scheduled to begin on Sunday, October 20, 2013 and continue through Thursday, November 7, 2013 from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday (night work only). To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/100713-EXPO-P2-CONSTRUCTION-NOTICE-Motor-Ave-Bridge-FALSEWORK-REMOVAL.pdf). | |
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