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| **KNX Radio Interviews Crenshaw/LAX Staff to Discuss the Construction Project**  Yesterday, a KNX Radio reporter today interviewed Metro staff to discuss construction, job hiring, ridership and economic development on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project. Staff provided a complete project overview, noting Spring 2014 as the beginning of major construction activities with completion slated for 2019. Ridership is projected to reach 25,000 weekday boardings by 2035. The Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project has received federal funding, which limits Metro’s ability for local hiring. Metro has established a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) to provide individuals living in economically disadvantaged areas per the US Census with the opportunity to pursue jobs and to develop careers in construction. The story will run on Friday, October 18, 2013 as part of KNX *On Your Corner*.  **Blue Line Service Advisory for Sunday, September 29, 2013**  This Sunday, September 29, 2013, the Blue Line will run every 20-24 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. due to a planned train evacuation drill between Compton and Willowbrook stations. The drill is being coordinated and carried out by Metro Operations, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, and the Compton Fire Department. During this time, Blue Line service will share one track between Compton and Artesia stations. Metro regularly conducts drills, in partnership with other responding agencies, to prepare for a variety of possible future incidents. Announcements will be made at Blue Line stations to alert our passengers during the course of the drill. You can also follow real-time alerts on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/metrolaalerts) or check Metro’s [Service Advisories](http://www.metro.net/service/advisories/) page. Please plan ahead and expect extended wait times if you will be taking the Blue Line this Sunday morning.  **Procurement Postings for Next Week**  Diesel Fuel (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Diesel Fuel. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, September 27, 2013 through Monday, December 30, 2013. Diesel fuel is required for the operation of Metro’s fleet of non-revenue vehicles. Award of contract will provide a commitment from the suppliers ensure availability at a fixed price. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Juelene Close, Contract Administrator at 213-922-1066.  Bus and Rail Facilities Accessibility Inventory (RFP)  Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the Bus and Rail Facilities Accessibility Inventory. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run through Monday, October 28, 2013. Metro is seeking proposals for services to complete a comprehensive and detailed study assessment of Los Angeles County’s bus and rail facilities. This effort will evaluate existing rail stations, BRT stations and adjacent bus terminals for compliance with all current and applicable accessibility regulations. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tamara Reid at (213) 922-7215.  High Density Storage Equipment (IFB)  Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) this week for a contractor to furnish and install new High Density Storage Equipment at Metro Division One (1). The contractor shall provide all services, labor, materials, equipment, transportation and supplies as necessary for the complete installation of the high density storage equipment and related work. This new equipment will allow use of vertical space that is currently unutilized. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, September 25, 2013 through Tuesday, October 15, 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.  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will attend the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Annual Conference in Chicago. I will have separate meetings with Sheriff Lee Baca and the Walsh Shea Corridor Constructors. Lastly, I will participate in VICA’s 25th Annual Business Forecast Conference transportation panel and attend the Asian-American Architects/Engineers Association’s 36th Annual Awards Banquet where Executive Director of Transit Project Delivery K.N. Murthy will be presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award. | |
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