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| **Metro Hosts Public Hearings for Metro ExpressLanes Program**  Between Saturday, March 22nd and Monday, April 7th, we held seven public hearings to gather feedback from the public about the future of the Metro ExpressLanes Program, which marked its first year anniversary in February 2014. Over 130 people attended the hearings in Gardena, El Monte, Torrance, Union Station, Inglewood, West Covina, and South Los Angeles. Attendees included Mayor James Butts, Councilmember Alex Padilla and Councilmember George Dotson from the City of Inglewood and representatives from the offices of State Senator Ed Hernandez and Congresswoman Maxine Waters. We shared information on preliminary results of the program and lessons learned.  Many people voiced support for the program and said they would like it to continue and expand. Many also indicated their appreciation of the increased transit along the corridor. Others said they would like to see better signage letting people know that a transponder is required for carpools, increased enforcement, more entry/exit points and a permanent elimination of the monthly account maintenance fee for LA County residents. Some attendees viewed tolls as a form of double-taxation and questioned the reported travel time-savings and impacts to low-income commuters and infrequent carpoolers. All comments will be submitted to the Metro Board for their consideration at the April 24th meeting when the Board will consider whether Metro ExpressLanes should become a permanent program.  **Patsaouras Transit Plaza Closure: Friday, April 11, 2014 – Monday, April 14, 2014**  As part of the Metro Board approved Patsaouras Plaza Waterproofing and Landscape Renovation, the Patsaouras Transit Plaza will be closed this weekend from 9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2014 to 4:00 a.m. on Monday, April 14, 2014 for landscaping project work on western half of the inner loop of the plaza. For information on the Patsaouras bus service advisories, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/service/advisories/update/special/849/). To view drawings of protected areas in inner loop of the plaza after the work is completed and through mid-May lease, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140411_DailyBrief_TransitPlazaClosure_Drawings.pdf).  **I-405** **Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Construction Notices**  Southbound Roadway Pouring, Overhead Sign and Restriping of Lanes  The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project contractor is planning to close the southbound I-405 in West Los Angeles from Getty Center Drive to Santa Monica Boulevard to facilitate roadway pouring at the freeway median, installation of an overhead sign and restriping of lanes. Closures are scheduled for the night of Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. early Sunday morning, and the night of Sunday, April 13, 2014 from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. early Monday morning. To view the construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140411_I-405_1.pdf).  Northbound Restriping  The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project contractor is planning to close the northbound I-405 in West Los Angeles from National Boulevard to Wilshire Boulevard the nights of Monday, April 14, 2014 to Saturday, April 19, 2014 to facilitate restriping of northbound I-405 lanes between the I-10 and Wilshire Boulevard. Closures are scheduled to take place nightly from Monday, April 14, 2014 to Friday, April 18, 2014 from 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. On Friday night, April 18, from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, 2014. To view the construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140411_I-405_2.pdf).  **Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice**  Street Improvements In order to conduct street improvements for the Expo Line project, design-build contractor will implement a 6-Day Full Street Closure of Bagley Avenue, between Exposition Boulevard and the I-10 Freeway. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor *Skanska-Rados Joint Venture (SRJV),* and its subcontractors. The continuous closure is scheduled to begin Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 a.m., and continue through 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 19, 2014. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/040714-Bagley-Avenue-Street-Improvement-Closure-EXPO-P2-CONSTRUCTION-NOTICE-MAP.pdf).  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notices**  Between SR-118 and SR-170  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implement closures as part of a project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Closures are scheduled to begin Sunday, April 13, 2014 and continue through Friday, April 18, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans Notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140411_I_5_Notice.pdf).  Between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and the Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14)  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implement closures as part of a project to construct truck lanes on I-5 between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and the Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14). Closures are scheduled to begin Sunday, April 13, 2014 and continue through Saturday, April 19, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans Notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140411_I_5_Truck.pdf).    **Procurement Postings for Next Week**  TAP Third Party Vendor (TPV) Services (RFP)  Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the TAP Third Party Vendor (TPV) Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, April 14, 2014 through Thursday, July 31, 2014. Metro is seeking to enter into a contractual relationship with a qualified Contractor to provide the TAP Third Party Vendor (TPV) Services. Contractor shall be required to work with current contractor to transition the Third Party Vendor Services, manage, track and install CPOS devices. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Maria V. Lechuga, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7206.    Design/Build Heater Upgrade at Divisions 3, 6 & 7 (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week for the design, purchase and installation of new heating systems for Divisions 3, 6 and 7.   * Division 3, 630 W. Avenue 28, Los Angeles, CA 90065 * Division 6, 100 Sunset Avenue, Venice, CA 90291 * Division 7, 8800 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069   The Procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, April 14, 2014 through Monday, June 30, 2014. This work was approved by the Board in March of 2009 as a design/build as part of the HVAC Replacement Projects. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Brian P. Mahaffey, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7327. Six, Forty-Two (42”) Foot Low Floor Super Low Emission (SLEB) Transit Buses Conversions (RFP) Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure the services of a Contractor to modify the vehicle fuel and propulsion systems and other key sub-systems for six (6) Metro buses to lower the NOx emission levels by 75% - 90% in the retrofitted configuration. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, April 15, 2014 through Thursday, October 23, 2014. On June 27, 2013, the LA Metro Board of Directors approved agenda item no. 43 authorizing the Advanced Transit Technology Consortium (ATVC) to issue a solicitation for the conversion of six (6) existing Metro gasoline electric hybrid buses to Super Low Emission Bus (SLEB) standards. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Elizabeth Hernandez, Senior Contract Administrator at [hernandezel@metro.net](mailto:hernandezel@metro.net) or (213) 922-7334.  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will be attending separate meetings with Directors Zev Yaroslavsky and Jackie Dupont-Walker. I will also be meeting with Secretary Brian Kelly. In addition, I will be attending Metro’s Committee Meetings. Lastly, I will also meet with staff from Metrolink, Mobility 21, California High Speed Rail, County Transportation Commission CEOs and the Regional CEOs, and participate in a LOSSAN conference call. | |
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