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| **Monday, April 28, 2014 140428-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Long Beach Transit Now on TAP**  **First Segment of Northbound I-405 HOV Lane Opens**  **I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Construction Notice** |
| **Long Beach Transit Now on TAP**  TAP welcomes Long Beach Transit to its network of partners. Today, Long Beach Transit’s TAP enabled bus fleet went “live,” offering riders the choice to pay their fare with TAP instead of paper passes or cash.  Riders simply tap their card on the TAP mobile validator as they board the bus, listen for the beep and watch for the green screen that shows that their card is valid.  Riders can purchase Long Beach regular, Senior/Disabled, and student passes, Stored Value or EZ transit pass at taptogo.net, at the Transit & Visitor Information Center in downtown Long Beach, and at select TAP pass sales outlets.  Stored Value can be purchased at any rail station TAP Vending Machine to pay per ride.  Fourteen additional transit agencies will be joining TAP this year including Glendale, Pasadena and Santa Monica.  Current TAP partners include: Access Services, Antelope Valley Transit Authority, Culver City, Foothill, Gardena, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Metro, Metrolink, Montebello, Norwalk, Santa Clarita, Torrance, and now Long Beach!  **First Segment of Northbound I-405 HOV Lane Opens**  Early this morning, Kiewit Infrastructure West completed lane restriping and freeway sign installation work needed to open an initial 2.4-mile section of northbound 405 carpool lane between the Santa Monica Freeway and Wilshire Boulevard. The remaining 7.5-mile lane segment extending to the 101 freeway in the San Fernando Valley, however, still remains under construction. The contractor has been conducting a series of nighttime northbound freeway closures to get the entire lane through West L.A. and the Sepulveda Pass ready for public opening. Carpool vehicles traveling on the existing northbound carpool lane at the I-10 freeway will notice new striping and “HOV Lane” signs for the first time. Metro, Caltrans and Kiewit anticipate the whole 10-mile stretch of new carpool lane will open next month. An exact opening date has not been finalized, but progress is clearly being made and the full lane opening is in sight.  **I-405** **Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Construction Notice**  Permanent Striping, Electrical, Drainage, Concrete Barrier and K-rail Removal Work  The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project contractor is planning to conduct four consecutive nighttime closures of the northbound I-405 between Wilshire Boulevard and Greenleaf Street. Closures are scheduled to begin the night of Monday, April 28, 2014 and continue nightly through Friday, May 2, 2014 from 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. The closure will facilitate permanent striping of general purpose lanes, electrical, drainage, concrete barrier, and k-rail removal work. To view the construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140428_I-405.pdf). | |
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