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| **Metro to Run Enhanced Weekend Service for FYF Fest at Exposition Park and LA Sports Arena**This weekend, Saturday, August 23, 2014 and Sunday, August 24, 2014, Metro will be partnering with Goldenvoice to run enhanced service to serve FYF Fest at Exposition Park and LA Sports Arena. Nearly 60 artists are scheduled to perform including The Strokes, Phoenix, Haim, Interpol, Kalela, and Blood Orange. Both days are sold out. The first 1,000 customers with a valid TAP card will receive free water and a gift inside the venue. Taking Metro to FYF Fest is easy and convenient. Metro staff will be present along the Expo Line and key transfer stations, as many attendees are expected to ride Metro Rail. Concert goers are encouraged to use Expo/Vermont Station for the nearest concert entrance, and to load round trip fare or a Day Pass in advance to skip return lines. On both Saturday and Sunday nights, Metro Rail, Orange and Silver Lines will run until approximately 2:00 a.m. to ensure everyone gets home. Forget the hassle of driving and parking and go Metro for a stress-free ride to and from the concert. Metro will also be monitoring social media throughout the weekend to respond to customer inquiries. For complete details, please click [here.](http://www.metro.net/service/discounts/artsentertainment/fyf/)**Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Notice** Preparation for Second Phase of Work at Mountain Avenue and Duarte RoadConstruction of the new light rail street-level grade crossing at Mountain Avenue just north of Duarte Road will be completed this week, two months ahead of schedule. To prepare the two streets for the second phase of work, a full weekend closure of the Mountain Avenue and Duarte Road intersection will take place this coming weekend, Friday, August 22, 2014 at 9:00 p.m. through Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 9:00 p.m. for 24 hours each day. The intersection of Mountain Avenue and Duarte Road will be fully closed to traffic in all directions during this weekend’s closure. For the complete construction notice, please click [here.](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140822%20258_8-22-2014_thru_12-2014_Monrovia-Duarte_Final.pdf) **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice** 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 or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Closures are scheduled to occur Sunday, August 24, 2014 through Friday, August 29, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here.](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140822%201219U4%20I-5%2008222014.pdf)**Procurement Postings for Next Week**Composite Railroad Ties (IFB)Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure composite railroad ties. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 25, 2014 through Monday, September 22, 2014. Metro is seeking a contractor to supply various sizes and quantities of new engineered composite railroad ties to replace worn #10 turnouts on the Metro Blue Line. 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 or dewittr@metro.net.Information Technology Services Bench (RFIQ)Metro has released a Request for Information and Qualifications (RFIQ) inviting contractors to submit their qualifications for evaluation and possible participation on the Information Technology (IT) Services Bench (Bench). The Bench is being created to assemble the most technically qualified Contractors to provide services at all phases of the technology lifecycle with the most cost effective solutions possible. The Bench Contractors will assist Metro’s Information & Technology Services (ITS) Department with various disciplines as outlined in the solicitation documents. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, August 22, 2014 through Thursday, December 4, 2014. 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.Construction of Sound Enclosures (IFB)Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week for a contractor to design and construct sound enclosures at the Harbor Transitway Stations at Slauson, Manchester, Harbor Freeway, and Rosecrans. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, August 28, 2014 through Thursday, December 4, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Deneise Glover, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7302. Chemical Fire Supression System Testing Service (IFB)Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure the services of contractor(s) to provide chemical fire suppression system testing service. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, August 28, 2014 through Saturday, January 31, 2015. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Thomas Meng, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1074.Enhance Safety Improvements on the Metro Blue Line (IFB)Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) Monday, August 25, 2014, for an opportunity to enhance safety improvements by installing pedestrian gates, swing gates, pedestrian warning devices, and reconstruct existing curb ramps for ADA compliance at 27 grade crossing intersections along the Metro Blue Line (MBL) corridor in the City of Long Beach, City of Compton, City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles as outlined in the Summary of Work. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 25, 2014 through Thursday, February 27, 2015. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Nancy Felix, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7011.**Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**Next week, I will be holding an Executive Workshop on a potential tax measure and attending the FTA quarterly review meeting. I will also hold separate meetings with Metro Board Chair Mayor Eric Garcetti, Director Dupont-Walker and Bishop Blake of West Angeles Church. I will be meeting with Metro Board Directors Mike Antonovich and Don Knabe regarding the safety of our bus operators and will be participating in the ballot Initiative deputy briefing.  Also, Chair Garcetti and I will be participating in a media event for Latino Heritage month. Lastly, I will be attending a ribbon cutting ceremony of the Alondra Boulevard Bridge with Caltrans. |
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