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| **Alondra Bridge Reopening**Earlier today, I was joined by Metro Board Director Don Knabe as Caltrans, Metro and the Federal Highway Administration opened the newly reconstructed Alondra Boulevard Bridge. It is the largest of three bridges rebuilt as part of the $110 million Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) Alondra Boulevard Bridge Project. The 57-year-old Alondra Bridge was completely demolished in June 2013 and rebuilt within 14 months. The new structure meets modern design standards and has been expanded from four to six lanes. This will increase bridge capacity and improve safety and efficiency, eliminating northbound bottlenecks and improving access to regional transit and HOV facilities. The project is a significant milestone in the I-5 South Corridor Improvement Projects and will improve connections within Santa Fe Springs and to the cities of Norwalk, Cerritos and La Mirada. The Santa Ana Freeway/Alondra Boulevard Bridge Project is funded by federal, state and local monies, including $72 million from Prop 1B, $14.5 million from state transportation funds, and $23.7 million from Metro's Prop C and Measure R**.** For the complete story, including photographs as posted on The Source, please click [here.](http://thesource.metro.net/2014/08/29/reconstructed-alondra-boulevard-bridge-now-open/)**Palmdale Mayor and City Staff Tour the Metro Gold Line**Yesterday, Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford and city staff toured the Metro Gold Line to learn about Transit Oriented Development (TOD). Coordinated through Community Relations and led by Countywide Planning and Development, the group viewed various TOD examples along the line with stops at the Sierra Madre Villa, Memorial Park, Del Mar, Atlantic, and Mariachi Plaza stations. The tour was part of the city’s ongoing efforts to learn about best practices in TOD and station area design as they consider future improvements for the Palmdale Transit Center and how to integrate multimodal transit and high speed rail systems with smart, mixed-use development.**Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice**Rail Installation Across 7th StreetAs part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will continue with rail installation on 7th street and Colorado Avenue. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor Skanska-Rados, Joint Venture (SRJV), and its subcontractors. Closures are scheduled from 7:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 2, 2014 through 7:00 a.m., Friday, September 12, 2014 for 24-hour work shifts. 7th Street will be temporarily closed at Colorado Avenue to through traffic, and turns onto Colorado Avenue will be prohibited. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here.](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140829%20081914EXPO-P2-CONSTRUCTION-NOTICE-Track-Installation-7th-Street.pdf)**Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notices**Between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implement closures as part of the I-5 Empire Project in Burbank comprised of a series of freeway improvements between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street. Closures are scheduled to occur Tuesday, September 2, 2014 through Friday, September 5, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here.](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140829%201218W%20I-5%2008292014.pdf)Between SR-118 and SR-170The 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 Tuesday, September 2, 2014 through Saturday, September 6, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140829%201219U4%20I-5%2008292014.pdf).**Procurement Postings for Next Week** Paper Products (IFB) Set-AsideMetro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) Set-Aside next week to procure paper products. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, September 3, 2014 through Tuesday, September 30, 2014. Janitorial paper products are used agency wide for personnel use as well as for a variety of applications to maintain facilities, equipment and rolling stock. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1018.Design and Construction of Division 16 Southwestern Yard (IFB)Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) today to procure the final design and construction for the Division 16 Southwestern Yard. This is a new Metro Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Operations and Maintenance Facility to be constructed within an approximate 18-acre site located near Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The project duration is 1,311 calendar days. The estimated value for the project is $120 – $130 million. Contractor must possess an “A” or “B” license. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, September 2, 2014 through approximately Saturday, June 20, 2015. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Arlene Blazevic, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2516.**Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**Next week, I will be holding a briefing for Director Dupont-Walker on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project. I will be holding an All Hands Staff Meeting on Fare Increases that will go into effect on September 15 at Division 3. I will be speaking at the League of California Cities Annual Conference-Division Luncheon. I will also participate in a Special Board Meeting on the LASD Audit and APTA Peer Review. Lastly, I will be attending the 2014 Mobility 21 Summit.  |
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