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| **Wednesday, December 3, 2014141203-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Metro Seeks Additional Public Input for Potential Bikesharing Throughout Los Angeles County**  **Removal of Bumping Post at Sierra Madre Villa Station** |
| **Metro Seeks Additional Public Input for Potential Bikesharing Throughout Los Angeles County**  Today, Metro announced it is seeking additional public input on potential bikeshare areas throughout Los Angeles County. In August 2014, Metro launched an interactive Google map consisting of strategically placed bikeshare stations as part of its bikesharing pilot program in Downtown Los Angeles, Pasadena, Long Beach and Santa Monica. Public input during this initial phase was substantial with more than 5,000 “likes” and 400 suggested bikeshare locations. As part of the Regional Bikeshare Implementation Plan, Metro is expanding efforts to identify other areas of the county as a longer-term, region-wide bikesharing program is developed. The latest crowdsourcing map enables users to submit a comment on a community where they think bikeshare would be successful. All suggestions will be accepted through Monday, December 22, 2014.  Final bikeshare station locations will be determined by Metro, host community staff and the future bikeshare operator. Locations will be determined by availability of space, right-of-way, ADA access and various other factors. Staff will report to the Board on the Bikeshare Implementation Plan for consideration in January 2015. The plan will include business models that identify how user and advertising fees, corporate sponsorships, and/or grant funding can support bike share operations. First-phase implementation for an initial pilot is currently planned for 2016. For more information and to make your bikeshare suggestions, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/interactives/html/bikeshare/).  **Removal of Bumping Post at Sierra Madre Villa Station**  Tonight and Thursday, December 4, 2014 crews from the Metro Goldline Foothill Extension Construction Authority will be removing the bumping posts in preparation for the first phase of the Foothill Goldline Extension. The bumping posts are used to prevent rail equipment from rolling past the end of the track. With track work now complete on phase one, removing the bumping posts will be necessary to begin testing and connection with the six new stations from Arcadia to the Azusa/Glendora border. For photos and the complete story as posted on The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2014/12/03/bumping-post-removal-at-sierra-madre-villa-will-clear-way-for-gold-line-foothill-extension/). | |
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