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| **Thursday, December 4, 2014141204-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Chair Garcetti Announces Kinkisharyo Agreement**  **Last of Four Planned Metro Blue Line Weekend Closures Begins Tomorrow**  **Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice**  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice** |
| **Chair Garcetti Announces Kinkisharyo Agreement**  This morning, I joined City of Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti, LA County Supervisor and Metro Board Director Michael Antonovich, Palmdale Mayor James Ledford, Kinkisharyo International General Manager Donald Boss and Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor Maria Elena Durazo to announce the agreement between Kinkisharyo and labor groups to keep up to 250 jobs in Los Angeles County building model P3010 Light Rail Vehicle’s for Metro’s expanding rail system. In September, a deadlocked dispute with some labor groups threatened to compel Kinkisharyo to move its planned manufacturing facility for the rail cars out of California. Chair Garcetti and his staff at Los Angeles City Hall re-started negotiations, ultimately hammering out an agreement for Kinkisharyo to manufacture light rail vehicle shells in a facility on Los Angeles World Airport Property in the City of Palmdale. For the complete story and a photo as posted on The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2014/12/04/officials-laud-agreement-to-create-light-rail-manufacturing-jobs-in-l-a-county/).  **Last of Four Planned Metro Blue Line Weekend Closures Begins Tomorrow**  Metro has scheduled closures of all stations south of Willow on the Metro Blue Line in Long Beach beginning Friday, December 5, 2014 at 9:00 p.m. through close of Metro service Sunday, December 7, 2014. A bus shuttle will service the remaining route from the Willow station south through the downtown Long Beach stations. For those planning on taking the Blue Line to CicaLAvia on Sunday, December 7, 2014, it is recommended to pedal to Willow station as the bus shuttles will have minimum capacity to hold bikes. For the full story as posted on The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2014/12/02/service-advisory-fourth-of-four-planned-metro-blue-line-weekend-closures-set-for-this-friday/).  **Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice**  Roadway Improvements As part of construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will implement a full weekend closure of Westbound Pico Boulevard between Sawtelle Boulevard and Olympic Boulevard. 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 to occur from 9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 5, 2014 through 6:00 a.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014. To view the complete construction notice, please [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/12042014-EXPO-P2-CONSTRUCTION-NOTICE-Pico-Roadway-Improvement-Closures-Weekend-Closure-1.pdf).  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice**  Between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct a series of freeway improvements between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street as part of the I-5/Empire Project in Burbank. Construction activities and closures are scheduled to occur Monday, December 8, 2014 through Friday, December 12, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141204_Caltrans_Empire.pdf). | |
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