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| **Thursday, December 18, 2014 141218-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Public Meeting for Southern California Regional Interconnector Project**  **Doran Street and Broadway/Brazil Safety and Access Project – Alternatives Analysis Public Meetings**  **Metro Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Business Solution Center**  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice** |
| **Public Meeting for Southern California Regional Interconnector Project**  Last Wednesday, Metro held the first public meeting and an open house for the Southern California Regional Interconnector Project (SCRIP) in the Metro Board Room. The purpose of the meeting was to reintroduce the project to the public nearly ten years after the first environmental documents were completed. Metro is currently updating the project with a Supplemental EIR/EIS which will be release to the public in 2015. SCRIP expands and reconfigures the rail road tracks at Los Angeles Union Station to allow trains to pass through the station. The project has many benefits including an increase in train capacity at Union Station, improvements in air quality by reducing idling times, and it will reduce travel time for passengers riding Amtrak and Metrolink trains. Roughly 63 attendees were present. Additional public meetings and stakeholder briefings will be held in 2015. For more information and details on SCRIP, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/projects/regionalrail/scrip/).  **Doran Street and Broadway/Brazil Safety and Access Project – Alternatives Analysis Public Meetings**  Last Tuesday, Metro held two public meetings to discuss the results of the Alternatives Analysis for the Grade Separation project at Doran Street and Broadway/Brazil. Over 50 people attended the daytime meeting for business owners in Atwater Village and another 30 attended the evening meeting in Glendale. Residents were concerned with the project’s need for property acquisition, pedestrian and bicycle access, impacts to the Los Angeles River Plan, integration with High Speed Rail, and traffic impacts to residential areas. A unique combination of limited access, high traffic counts, adjacent industrial uses, and residential interests make safety and mobility enhancements in this area a top priority for Metro. Environmental clearance efforts will begin during the early part of 2015 with additional public meetings to follow later in the year. For the presentation and additional information on this project, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/projects/regionalrail/doran-street-railroad-crossing/).  **Metro Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Business Solution Center**  The Metro Crenshaw/LAX Project’s Business Solution Center is opening tomorrow , Friday, December 19, 2014 at the Los Angeles Urban League location of 3450 Mount Vernon Drive. An open house event will be held next month. In the meantime, this is a chance to get the doors of the Center open and for staff to begin meeting members of the local business community.  The Business Solution Center will support small businesses along the Crenshaw Boulevard corridor cope with construction of the light rail line. BSC case managers will help business owners with assistance on a range of issues from how to boost foot traffic to their stores and how to better advertise. All services are provided free of charge.  **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) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Closures are scheduled to occur from Monday, December 22, 2014 through Wednesday, December 24, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice and a special closure note, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141218_I5_Arleta.pdf). | |
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