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| **Wednesday, January 8, 2014 140108-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Metro Blue Line Upgrades Press Event**  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice** |
| **Metro Blue Line Upgrades Press Event**  Today, I joined Metro Board Chair Diane DuBois; Metro Board Directors Eric Garcetti, Mark Ridley-Thomas and Zev Yaroslavsky; City of Compton Mayor Aja Brown; Los Angeles City Council Member Curren Price; and Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Captain Karl Schow for a press event for the Metro Blue Line upgrades. The media event discussed the $1.2 billion investment in improvements of the Metro Blue Line. The Blue Line is the oldest operating rail line in our system at almost 24 years old, and connects several communities along its right-of-way between Los Angeles and Long Beach. Metro is committed to keeping the Blue Line in top form for decades to come, and these extensive improvements will make that possible. The event was covered by various media, including the Los Angeles Times, La Opinion, Long Beach Press-Telegram, Sing Tao Daily, City News Service, Set Magazine, KNBC TV, KABC TV Mundo Fox 22, NDTV, City TV 35, Fox 11, Univision 34, MBC America and KCBS/KCAL. Stories are expected today. To view pictures from today’s event, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140108_Photos_MBL_Press_Event.pdf). To view the complete story as posted on The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2014/01/08/metro-blue-line-receiving-a-1-2-billion-overhaul/)  .  <http://thesource.metro.net/2014/01/08/metro-blue-line-receiving-a-1-2-billion-overhaul/>  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140108_Photos_MBL_Press_Event.pdf>  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice**  Between SR-134 and Magnolia Boulevard  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implements closures along the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and the Ventura Freeway (SR-134) as part of a $57.8 million improvement project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes in each direction along I-5 between SR-134 and Magnolia Boulevard. Closures are scheduled to continue through Saturday January 11, 2014. The view the Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140108_Caltrans_5_Notice.pdf).  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140108_Caltrans_5_Notice.pdf> | |
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