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| **Tuesday, January 21, 2014 140121-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Groundbreaking Ceremony for Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project**  **Joint South Bay and Westside/Central Transit Providers Meeting**  **Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Construction Notice** |
| **Groundbreaking Ceremony for Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project**  Today, I joined federal, state and local government officials in a ceremony to mark the beginning of construction for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, a new 8.5-mile light-rail line that will connect the Metro Expo Line with the Green Line. The $2.058 million transit project is expected to open in 2019. U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx and U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer were present with U.S. Congress members Karen Bass and Maxine Waters, and Metro Board members: Board Chair Diane DuBois, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas, Don Knabe, Michael D. Antonovich and Zev Yaroslavsky, Santa Monica Mayor Pam O’Connor, Los Angeles Councilmember Mike Bonin and Jackie Dupont-Walker, as well as Inglewood Mayor James Butts. Also present were Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, Los Angeles Councilmember Bernard Parks, and former Metro Directors Richard Katz and Yvonne Brathwaite Burke. The groundbreaking ceremony received significant media coverage including early morning shows where Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Director Charles Beauvoir were interviewed live. Media outlets present at the ceremony were channels 2/9, 4, 5, 7, 11/13, 22, 34, 52, 54 and Chinese and Korean TV stations. On the print side and web Associated Press, Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Daily News, Daily Breeze, City News Service, Los Angeles Sentinel, Wave Newspapers, LA Weekly, Korea Daily, Beverly Hills Courier and others were present. KABC Radio and KNX Radio also did interviews. Stories will be broadcast all day long and will continue tomorrow. To view The Source story with photos, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2014/01/21/and-so-it-begins-ground-is-broken-for-8-5-mile-crenshawlax-line/).  http://thesource.metro.net/2014/01/21/and-so-it-begins-ground-is-broken-for-8-5-mile-crenshawlax-line/  **Joint South Bay and Westside/Central Transit Providers Meeting**  On Thursday, January 16, 2014, we held the last of this quarter's transit providers meetings. Gardena Bus Lines hosted this meeting for South Bay and Westside/Central transit providers. In addition to various Metro departments and our host agency, participants included representatives from Beach Cities Transit, Torrance Transit, Los Angeles World Airports, UCLA, and Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. Presentations included updates on Metro's proposed June service changes and February public hearings; Green Line gate latching; a presentation on LAWA's Flyaway program, and; potential fare restructuring. Each of the meeting participants also informed the group about relevant news from their agency or city. Metro Community Relations and Service Planning departments coordinate these meetings for municipal, local and city bus operators in each of the five Metro Service Council regions. In addition to this joint Westside/Central and South Bay meeting, meetings were held this quarter for transit providers in Gateway Cities (hosted by Long Beach Transit), San Gabriel Valley (hosted by Foothill Transit) and San Fernando Valley (hosted by the City of Glendale).  **Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Construction Notice**  Potholing Phase 2  As a part of the exploratory excavation (potholing) along the alignment of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors and its subcontractors will perform potholing work activities along the Metro Right-of-Way on Florence Avenue between Manchester Avenue & Crenshaw Boulevard and along Crenshaw Boulevard between Florence Avenue & Exposition Boulevard. Lane closures will only be implemented along Crenshaw Boulevard starting Wednesday, January 22, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., where at least two lanes will be open in each direction. This operation is part of early preparation work activities that is to be completed in advance of upcoming major construction work. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140121_Crenshaw_LAX_Pothole_Notice.pdf).  [**http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB\_Attachments/140121\_Crenshaw\_LAX\_Pothole\_Notice.pdf**](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140121_Crenshaw_LAX_Pothole_Notice.pdf) | |
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