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| **Tuesday, January 28, 2014 140128-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Regional Connector Receives 2014 National Environmental Excellence Award for Public Involvement/Partnership**  **First Three Green Line Stations to Latch Wednesday January 29**  **Expo Light Rail Line Construction Notice** |
| **Regional Connector Receives 2014 National Environmental Excellence Award for Public Involvement/Partnership**  Metro has just been notified that the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) has selected the Metro Regional Connector project for a 2014 National Environmental Excellence Award for Public Involvement/Partnership during the environmental (NEPA) process. Clifton Meeks of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) nominated Metro for the outreach work Metro conducted in the Little Tokyo community. The award will be conferred at the NAEP Conference Welcome on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 in St. Petersburg, Florida.  **First Three Green Line Stations to Latch Wednesday January 29**  Metro will latch Marine/Redondo, Douglas and El Segundo Green line stations on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 starting at 6:00 a.m. The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) provided additional assistance at these three locations today and Monday, January 27, 2014, between 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., to inform the riding public of the upcoming gate latching. LASD personnel will be present on site through Friday, January 31, 2014. The next five stations:  Mariposa, Aviation, Hawthorn/Lennox, Crenshaw, and Vermont/Athens will latch by early April. Latching of the remaining stations, Harbor, Avalon, Long Beach, Lakewood and Norwalk, and Willowbrook is contingent upon completion of groundwork/communication equipment for the gate help phones and will be latched by late spring/early summer.  All Red/Purple, Blue and Gold Line stations are now latched. Once all latching is completed, 41 of 80 rail stations will be latched and turnstiles will not allow an entry unless a TAP card with an appropriate fare has been tapped at the gate.  **Expo Light Rail Line Construction Notice**  Rail Placement  As part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will temporarily interrupt traffic on Overland Avenue at Exposition Boulevard to move rail across the intersection for placement along the Expo right-of-way in the City of Los Angeles. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor *Skanska-Rados Joint Venture (SRJV)*, and its subcontractors. Construction activities are scheduled to take place, Wednesday, January 29, 2014 through Thursday, February 13, 2014, between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Monday through Thursday. Saturday work activities are scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2014 and Saturday, February 8, 2014, between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/012814-EXPO-CONSTRUCTION-NOTICE-TEMP-Interruption-at-Overland-Expo-Rail-Movement2.pdf).  [**http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/012814-EXPO-CONSTRUCTION-NOTICE-TEMP-Interruption-at-Overland-Expo-Rail-Movement2.pdf**](http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/012814-EXPO-CONSTRUCTION-NOTICE-TEMP-Interruption-at-Overland-Expo-Rail-Movement2.pdf) | |
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