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| **Friday, July 18, 2014 140718-1**  **In this Issue:**  **LA Union Station/and 1st Central Linkages Study Reception**  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice**  **Upcoming CEO Meetings and Events** |
| **LA Union Station/and 1st Central Linkages Study Reception**  On Thursday, July 17th, 2014, Metro hosted a Community Partners Reception at Los Angeles City Hall, Mayor Tom Bradley Tower Room to more than 140 attendees celebrating the community driven Linkages Study to develop pedestrian and bicycle connections between Union Station, the proposed 1st and Central Station, and surrounding communities. Metro Executives Art Leahy, Martha Welborne, and Jenna Hornstock spoke about the importance of the Connect US Plan and commended community leaders representing the eight neighborhoods comprising the study area (Arts District, Boyle Heights, Chinatown, Cornfields Arroyo Seco, El Pueblo, Little Tokyo, Civic Center, and portions of LA River adjacent to Union Station). The community representatives spoke about the need to implement the vision established by their individual communities and offered to support implementation.  Featured speaker Gil (Guillermo) Penalosa, Executive Director of Toronto-based 8-80 Cities, drew applause for his enthusiastic presentation on fulfilling the vision for linking Los Angeles’ historic/cultural communities to transit and to each other—Mr Penalosa highlighted the benefits of the vision to our health and the health of our communities, both economically and environmentally.  Attendees included civic leaders and representatives from the offices of Chair Eric Garcetti, Director Gloria Molina, Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo, CD 1; Councilmember Curren D. Price Jr., CD 9; Councilmember Jose Huizar, CD 14, and a representative from the Board of Public Works.  The one-year Linkages Study is a joint venture between Metro and Southern California Association of Governments. The final product will consist of an Action Plan scheduled to be completed in the Summer of 2014. To learn more about the Linkages Study please visit the project website at: [www.metro.net/linkages](http://www.metro.net/linkages). Online comments can be submitted through [linkages@metro.net](mailto:linkages@metro.net), and a hotline number: (213) 922-2288.  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice**  Between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implement construction activities and closures as part of the I-5/Empire Project in Burbank. Construction activities are scheduled to begin Sunday, July 20, 2014 and continue through Friday, July 25, 2014 To view the complete Caltrans Notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140718_I_5_Empire.pdf).  **Upcoming CEO Meetings and Events**  Next week I will join Mayor Eric Garcetti and First Lady Amy Elaine Wakeland at the Getty House for Our LA River: “Revitalizing Communities along the Heart of Our City.” I will also be meeting separately with Chair Eric Garcetti and Directors Mike Antonovich, Mark Ridley-Thomas, Don Knabe, Zev Yaroslavsky and Diane DuBois. I will be attending the Employee of the Quarter luncheon as well as attending Metro’s July Board Meeting.  Lastly, I will be attending a Reception for Carlo Cavagna, Consul, UK Trade and Investment. | |
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