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| **Friday, May 23, 2014 140523-1**  **In this Issue:**  **I-405 Carpool Lane Opening Press Event**  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notices**  **Procurement Postings for Next Week**  **Upcoming CEO Meetings and Events** |
| **I-405 Carpool Lane Opening Press Event**  Board Chair DuBois and I were joined by Board members Garcetti, Dupont-Walker, Bonin, Yaroslavsky and a host of other local, state and federal transportation officials today to announce the opening of the northbound I-405 carpool lane between the I-10 and U.S. 101, the capstone of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project. The new lane brings needed capacity to the nation’s busiest freeway, closes the last remaining gap in the entire I-405 carpool lane network, makes it easier to get on and off the freeway and improves safety for L.A. motorists. All major media outlets attended today’s event with stories expected throughout the day. For the full story on the Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2014/05/23/northbound-hov-lane-opened-today-on-405-over-the-sepulveda-pass/).  **Caltrans** **Interstate 5 Construction Notices**  San Fernando Boulevard, Empire Avenue and Victory Place  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implement closures as part of the I-5/Empire Project in Burbank on San Fernando Boulevard, Empire Avenue and Victory Place. Closures are scheduled to begin Tuesday, May 27, 2014 and continue through Saturday, May 31, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans Notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140523_I5_construction_notice.pdf).  Between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and the SR-14 The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implement closures as part of a project to construct truck lanes on I-5 between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and the Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14). Closures are scheduled to begin Tuesday, May 27, 2014 and continue through Saturday, May 31, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans Notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140523_2_I5_truck_lanes.pdf).  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 begin Tuesday, May 27, 2014 and continue through Saturday, May 30, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans Notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140523_3_I5_HOV.pdf).  **Procurement Postings for Next Week**  Herbicide Application Services (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure the services of contractor(s) to provide regular herbicide application and vegetation control services for bus and rail Right-Of-Ways (ROWs), facilities and parcel properties to comply with local municipal codes, reduce fire hazards and mitigate complaints from adjacent property owners. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, May 27, 2014 through Sunday, November 30, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Helen Gates-Bryant, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1269.  Data Center Cleaning Services (RFP)  Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure the services of contractor(s) to provide professional cleaning services and protective maintenance for critical computer equipment located at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s (Metro) Union Station Gateway Headquarters Building. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, May 27, 2014 through Friday, October 31, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Helen Gates-Bryant, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1269.  Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance Services System-Wide (Excluding Metro Orange Line) (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure the services of contractor(s) to provide landscape and irrigation maintenance services throughout the agency’s transit facilities located in Los Angeles County. Landscaped areas to be maintained are located at transit stations, parking lots, maintenance facilities and railroad rights-of-way (ROW). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, May 27, 2014 through Monday, December 1, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Helen Gates-Bryant, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1269.  Glass Replacement and Installation Services (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure the services of contractor(s) to provide glazier services including but not limited to installation, repair and replacement of various types of glass panels used throughout Metro transit facilities. The selected contractor will be required to service Metro Bus, Rail and other Metro facilities throughout Los Angeles County and surrounding areas. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, May 30, 2014 through Sunday, November 30, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Helen Gates-Bryant, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1269.  El Monte Bike Hub (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure a qualified and responsible contractor to perform construction/tenant improvements of a secured-accessed, group bicycle parking facility, also known as a Metro Bike Hub, in an existing store-front space at El Monte Transit Center, 3501 Santa Anita Ave., El Monte, CA 91731. The Procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, May 27, 2014 through Monday, August 18, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Brian P. Mahaffey, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7327.  Turbo Chargers (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Turbochargers needed to maintain the bus fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. Award of contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, May 30, 2014 through Tuesday, September 30, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at (213) 922-1018 or [allent@metro.net](mailto:allent@metro.net).  Paper Products (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure paper products. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, May 27, 2014 through Saturday, August 30, 2014. Paper products are used agency wide for all departments, bus and rail divisions. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. 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Coolant (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Coolant. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, May 28, 2014 through Saturday, Aug 30, 2014. Coolant is used in all buses and non-revenue vehicles to prevent the engine from freezing and overheating, as well as protecting the engine’s cooling system from corrosion. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at (213) 922-1018 or [allent@metro.net](mailto:allent@metro.net).  Toner Cartridges (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Toner Cartridges. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, May 28, 2014 through Saturday, August 30, 2014. Toner Cartridges are needed to support the agency’s administrative printing requirements. Award of contract will provide a commitment from the supplier(s) to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at (213) 922-1018 or [allent@metro.net](mailto:allent@metro.net).  Computer Monitors (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Computer Monitors. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, May 29, 2014 through Saturday, August 30, 2014. Computer monitors are needed to support the agency’s administrative functions. Award of contract will provide a commitment from the supplier(s) to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. 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