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| **Blue Line Service to Resume along the Long Beach Transit Loop**    At 4:46 AM this coming Monday, October 20th, we are scheduled to resume regular Blue Line service to all four stations along the Long Beach Transit Loop.  This will mark the culmination of four weeks of diligent work by Metro crews and contractors who have completed this part of the Blue Line Refurbishment project. We are working over the weekend and into next week to ensure that customers, residents, businesses and visitors in this area are aware that train service is resuming, reminding them to exercise caution around the tracks and stations, and to thank them for their patience and cooperation.  **Union Station Master Plan Open House Celebration**  Last evening we hosted an Open House celebration at the Fred Harvey restaurant to mark the culmination of the LA Union Station Master Plan (LAUSMP). The event was an opportunity for our partners and the public to view a video simulation of how the Plan has been designed to build out incrementally as future partners and funding opportunities become available. It also showcased the history of the 2-year planning process along with additional renderings and images. Approximately 80 people attended this event along with Metro staff and the consultant teams who worked on development of the LAUSMP. A reporter from KPCC radio was also in attendance. Recommendations for moving the Plan forward to implementation were approved earlier this week by the Planning and Programming Committee and the full Metro Board of Directors will consider it at their upcoming meeting on October 23, 2014.  **Celebrating Education: The Dream Makers Student Benefit Dinner for Los Angeles Trade-Tech Foundation**  On Thursday evening, Director Dupont-Walker introduced me at an awards dinner sponsored by the Los Angeles Trade-Tech Foundation. The event was attended by students, trade unionists, educators, and other organizations that, like Metro, are focused on creating a powerful workforce for the millennium. As Metro CEO, I was honored to receive an award in acknowledgement of the partnership that Metro has developed with LA Trade-Tech College over the years. The Project Labor Agreement and Construction Careers Policy, adopted by the Metro Board in 2012, has provided a vital link between Metro and members of the student body at LA Trade-Tech who are training to become skilled craftspeople.  President of the College, Larry Frank, was especially grateful to Metro for the programs we have developed in conjunction with the school, to train and prepare them for careers in the transportation industry over the years. The Foundation provides support through scholarships, faculty grants and other developments deemed vital to the spirit of the College. We look forward to a close relationship with LA Trade-Technical Community College in the future.  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notices**  Between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct a series of freeway improvements between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street as part of the I-5/Empire Project in Burbank. Construction activities are scheduled to begin Monday, October 20, 2014 and continue through Saturday, October 25, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141016_Caltrans_Empire_Project.pdf)[.](http://simplesend.com/simple/t.asp?S=336&ID=74417&NL=4423&N=91745&SI=5441145&URL=http://simplesend.com/simple/t.asp?S=336&ID=74268&NL=4423&N=91584&SI=5818921&URL=http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140310_I_5_Empire_Project_Update.pdf)  Between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and SR-14 The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to implement closures beginning Sunday, October 19, 2014 through Saturday, October, 25, 2014, 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). To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141017_Caltrans_Notice_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 occur Sunday, October, 19, 2014 through Saturday, October 25, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141017_Caltrans_i_5_HOV.pdf).  **Caltrans Bridge Rail Improvement Work on US 101**  Between North Broadway and Vine Street/Franklin Avenue  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will continue a construction project to upgrade existing bridge rails at multiple locations in both directions along the US 101 Freeway. Construction activities are scheduled from Sunday, October 19, 2014 through Sunday, November 2, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141017_caltrans_101.pdf).  **Upcoming CEO Meetings and Events**  Next week I will be attending Pre-Board Briefings with Metro Board Members as well as attending Metro’s October Board Meeting. I will also be attending the Employee of the Quarter Luncheon as well as attending the Alameda Corridor-East Construction (ACE) Groundbreaking Ceremony. I will be participating in a videotaping for the LAX/Coastal Chamber of Commerce “City of Angels” Awards Gala. I am also meeting with the Qinghai Chinese Transportation Delegation. Lastly, I will be speaking at the WTS-OC Luncheon. | |
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