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| **Metro Red Line to Run Enhanced Late Night Service for Halloween**Tonight, Friday, October 31, 2014, Metro will increase Red Line capacity by 50%, using full platform length trains in anticipation of increased ridership between Downtown, Hollywood and Universal City.  As this year’s Halloween falls on a Friday, Metro Rail, Orange & Silver Lines will be running extended, late night service until 2 a.m. tonight.  Metro staff will be present at Hollywood/Highland Station to support customers with fare purchasing and crowd control.  Additional law enforcement will be strategically deployed to ensure a safe and secure evening. **Super Hero’s, Pirates, and Princess’ Parade Through Gateway** This morning, Metro held their 19th Annual Gateway Child Care Halloween Parade. About 40 kids were happy to collect goodies and show off their pirate, super hero, prince, princess, and witch costumes. The kids paraded around the Plaza level then took a trip to the 2nd floor Customer Relations Call Center where they received some treats. Each child was given a Metro bag to be filled with candies and treats from customer center agents as they walked the offices. Group pictures were taken and each child received a personal “Trick or Treat Goodie Bag.” This was the 10th Annual Halloween Event sponsored by Customer Relations. For photos of the trick or treating, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141031_Kids_Halloween_Parade.jpg) and [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141031_Kids_Halloween_Parade_2.jpg).**Palos Verdes Transit is Now on TAP**Today, TAP welcomed Palos Verdes Transit to its network of partners. 27 Palos Verdes TAP-enabled buses went “live,” offering customers the option to pay their fare with TAP. Now, riders can simply tap their card on the TAP mobile validator as they board the bus, listen for the beep, watch for the green screen that shows their card is valid and take their ride. Equally beneficial, Palos Verdes Transit can now speed boarding times, capture ridership data and aid customers in traveling seamlessly throughout Los Angeles County. To board with TAP, Palos Verdes riders will be able to purchase EZ transit passes and Stored Value online at *taptogo.net*, by calling 866.TAPTOGO, or at one of nearly 400 vendor outlets. Eleven additional transit agencies will be joining TAP including Glendale and Santa Monica Big Blue Bus. Current TAP partners include:  Antelope Valley Transit Authority, Culver City, Foothill, Gardena, Long Beach, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Montebello, Norwalk, Pasadena ARTS, Santa Clarita and Torrance Transit (line 4 only).**Metrolink Lancaster Station Closure Scoping Meeting Cancelled**Thursday, the City of Lancaster Mayor R. Rex Parris, Vice Mayor Marvin Crist, and City Manager Mark Bozigian met with Metrolink Director of System Security Fred Jackson, Metrolink Director of Public Affairs Jeff Lustgarten, Metro Regional Rail Executive Officer Don Sepulveda, and Norm Hickling and Michael Cano of Supervisor Antonovich’s Office to address urgent issues regarding train security and transient concerns at the Lancaster Metrolink Station. This comes as a result of actions taken by the Lancaster City Council to begin the process of closing the Lancaster Metrolink Station. Substantial progress was made at the meeting; enough for the City to cancel a previously scheduled CEQA Scoping meeting that was to take place on Wednesday, November 5, 2014. Immediate improvements were discussed to ease prevailing safety concerns at the Lancaster Metrolink Station. These improvements include: upgrades to security at the Station, a zero-tolerance policy towards fare evasion, and increased services and amenities for Metrolink passengers. **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notices**Between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista StreetThe 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, November 3, 2014 through Friday, November 7, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141030_I_5_Empire_for_Nov_3.pdf).Between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and SR-14The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implement closures beginning Sunday, November 2, 2014 through Saturday, November 8, 2014, as part of a project to construct truck lanes between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and the Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14). To view the complete Caltrans notice, please [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141031_I5_Truck_Lanes.pdf).**Procurement Posting**Program Support- Employer Annual Pass Programs (RFP)Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the services of contractor(s) to provide Program Support for the Employer Annual Pass Programs. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, October 30, 2014 through Thursday, April 30, 2015. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Thomas Meng, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1074.**Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**Next week I will be attending the Los Angeles Current Affairs Forum luncheon for Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer and Los Angeles Times editorial writer, Kerry Cavanaugh. I will be attending the LAX/Coastal Chamber of Commerce City Gala where I will be a recipient of their Angels Award. I will also be attending Metro Committee Meetings. Lastly, I will be attending the Westside Purple Line Extension Groundbreaking Ceremony with the Board Chair, Board Members and Federally Elected Officials. |
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