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**New Metro Fares Become Effective September 15**

Metro Media Relations has contacted numerous media outlets to remind them of the new Metro fare changes that become effective next Monday, September 15, 2014. Staff has reiterated that the new fare structure includes a two-hour free transfer for one-way trips provided patrons use their TAP cards. Staff added that Metro has raised fares only three times during the last 19 years and has among the lowest fares of major transit agencies in the country. Reminders have also been posted on The Source and other social media channels. News outlets expected to report on the fare changes include KNX, KFI, KPCC, KABC Radio, KRCA 62, Univision 34 and La Opinion, among others.

**Update on State Route 710 North Draft Environment Impact Document**

Today I issued an update on the release of the draft environmental impact document for the State Route 710 North Study. The State Route 710 North Study evaluates five transit options that will help reduce congestion and improve mobility in the San Gabriel Valley, East/Northeast Los Angeles and the region. Stay up to date and receive the latest information by joining Metro's [contact list](#). These conversations will help increase public participation in the process and ensure that more people have a voice in this regional issue. To view the full update, please click [here](#).

**Expo Phase 2 Construction Notices**

Track and Roadway Improvements

As part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will continue with track work and roadway improvements along 26<sup>th</sup> street. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor Skanska-Rados, Joint Venture (SRJV), and its subcontractors. Closures are scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. through Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 6:00 a.m. Northbound 26th Street will be closed between Cloverfield Boulevard and Olympic Boulevard and traffic will be detoured at Cloverfield Boulevard. For the complete construction notice, please click [here](#).

### Track and Roadway Improvements

Work crews will also continue with track work and roadway improvements along Overland Avenue. Closures are scheduled for Friday, September 12, 2014 at 9:00 p.m. through Monday, September 15, 2014 at 6:00 a.m. Overland Avenue will be closed up to Esther Avenue, but Eastbound and Westbound traffic on Esther Avenue and Ashby Avenue will be maintained for local traffic only. For the complete construction notice, please click [here](#).

### **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice**

#### 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, September 15, 2014 through Friday, September 19, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](#).

#### 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, September 14, 2014 through Saturday, September 20, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](#).

### **Procurement Postings**

#### Uniforms for Metro Transit Operations Supervisors (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure uniforms for the Metro Transit Operations Supervisors. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, September 15, 2014 through Wednesday, October 15, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ruth DeWitt, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1076.

#### Engineering Services for Brighton to Roxford Double Track Project (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure professional engineering services for the Brighton to Roxford Double Track Project. The project will provide complete environmental clearance and develop full plans, specifications, and estimates to add approximately 10 miles of new double track and related improvements to stations and grade crossings beginning at Control Point (CP) Brighton and ending at CP Roxford on the Antelope Valley subdivision. The project will improve operational reliability and safety on the Valley subdivision, improve on-time performance, add capacity, and allow for future additional commuter rail service consistent with passenger rail improvement goals for the region. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Monday, September 15, 2014 through Monday, January 5, 2015. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ben Calmes, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7341.

### **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**

Next week I will be interviewed by Profile Magazine. I will also be attending Committee Meetings with the Metro Chair and Board of Directors. Lastly, I will be meeting with staff from Mobility 21, Metrolink, the County Transportation Commission and Regional CEOs and will participate in a LOSSAN conference call.

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