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**I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project**

Yesterday, KTTV Fox 11 and KABC 7 inquired about possibilities to accelerate I-405 construction work by providing additional contractor incentives or accepting offers of money from businessman and Bel Air resident Elon Musk. Project staff reported that it is cost-prohibitive to provide bonuses across the board to further accelerate construction work activities. With two-thirds of project now complete, the contractor is already working at its peak, and has restrictions on allowed working hours. Also, increases in the contractor's work schedule would only further disrupt the lives of residents and motorists. Staff is unaware of a case where a private citizen has offered or the agency received any personal financial sums for a public works project.

**Media Inquiry on Metro ExpressLanes Toll Violations and Exempt E-plate Vehicles**

A reporter with KCBS/KCAL news requested and received unpaid toll violation notices that have been sent out to individuals with government issued exempt e-plates. The reporter is preparing a story regarding the use of government vehicles in toll lanes without paying tolls. Metro ExpressLanes staff explained that e-plates are not exempt from tolls on the ExpressLanes. Staff indicated that elected officials will not receive special treatment and that our agency will pursue collection of the tolls. The reporter was informed, however, that emergency vehicles responding to an emergency in toll lanes are exempt. Staff also explained that before opening the ExpressLanes, over forty different agencies were contacted and asked to provide Metro with a list of emergency/maintenance vehicle e-plates to be identified as exempt of toll charges. These specific vehicles will not be sent toll violation notices when responding to emergencies. The agencies contacted included: California Highway Patrol (CHP), Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD), Caltrans, Los Angeles County Coroner, Los Angeles County Fire, among others. The information given to the reporter included over 16,000 toll violations amounting to approximately \$50,000 involving e-plates since the beginning of the program in November 2012. The reporter was told that a total number of 302,864 toll violations have been issued to date involving all vehicles. Please note that 46% are repeat license plates for a total unpaid toll amount of \$513,917. Finally, the reporter filed a freedom of information request through the City of Los Angeles to match e-plates with toll violations for specific city employees. The reporter also asked for similar information from Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

and the Toll Road Authority in Orange County. The story is expected to air Monday, April 29, 2013 during the 11:00 p.m. newscast.

### **Groundbreaking of the Canwood Street Improvements Project**

Yesterday, Lan Saadatnejadi, Executive Officer Highway Programs, along with the City of Agoura Hills, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Koehler and local officials celebrated the groundbreaking of the Canwood Street improvements project which is Phase I of the Agoura Road Widening Project. Canwood Street is an east-west thorough fare for the city of Agoura Hills and an alternate route for the US 101 Freeway. The Phase 1 Project will stabilize the slope holding up the roadway for several blocks, widen a short section of roadway and repave sections of Canwood Street. Phase 2 will widen Agoura Road from one to two lanes in each direction where it is deficient, add bike lanes in the new cross section and construct medians. Measure R is funding the entire cost of the \$17.2M project. Phase 1 should be completed by the end of summer and Phase 2 is scheduled for completion in 2016. In addition to the Agoura Road widening project, Measure R is also funding the Roundabout Project at the intersection of Kanan Road and Agoura Road and the Palo Comado Interchange Improvements Projects.

### **Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Construction Notice**

#### Exploratory Potholing

As part of advance utility relocation activities for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project, Metro's contractor will conduct exploratory potholing to help locate and identify underground utilities along the alignment. Construction work will take place at the intersections of Crenshaw Boulevard and 48<sup>th</sup> Street; Crenshaw Boulevard and 50<sup>th</sup> Street; and Crenshaw Boulevard and Slauson Avenue. This work will begin on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 through Friday, May 3, 2013, weather permitting. The anticipated work hours are from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](#).

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### **Procurement Postings for Next Week**

#### Social Media Monitoring and Analysis Services (RFP)

Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure services to be procured. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 23, 2013 through May 30, 2013. RFP No. PS7120-3061 is for the procurement of consultant services to provide an all-inclusive operation and maintenance service for a two (2) year period with two (2) one (1) year options for renewal. Services may include but are not limited to providing a social media monitoring tool, deploy and customize the software per Metro specifications, train Metro staff to effectively utilize the tool, and create custom executive reports. The contractor will also provide maintenance of the software by providing incremental software updates due to software bugs, Metro staff feedback, or customer comments. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Barbara A. Gatewood, Sr. Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7317.

#### Tires and Tire Kits (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Tires and Tire Kits for both the P865/P2020 Blue Line and P2000 Green Line rail cars. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from May 1, 2013 through July 31, 2013. The Blue and Green Line steel tires and tire kits require regular replacement due to continuous

usage in revenue service. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1025.

#### Brake Pads for MBL and MGL (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Brake pads for both the P865/P2020 Blue Line and P2000 Green Line rail cars. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 30, 2013 through July 31, 2013. The light rail vehicles use 16 friction brake pads per car in the braking operation system. The brake pads are included as part of the routine preventative maintenance inspections and are replaced as necessary to ensure the continued high level of braking reliability. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1025.

#### Removal of Old Batteries and the Supply and Installation of New Batteries at Two Red Line Battery Banks (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week for the removal of old battery Banks and the supply and installation of new batteries at two red line battery bank locations. The two work sites are:

- **Pershing Station** – 400 S Hill Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
- **Hollywood Western Station** – 5450 Hollywood Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90028

The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 22, 2013 through May 14, 2013. 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. 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.

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

Next week, will attend a luncheon with Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Director Antonio Villaraigosa to reflect on Transportation in the City and a Los Angeles Current Affairs Forum Luncheon with Councilman Joe Buscaino. Also, I will attend the following events: J. Paul Getty Trust board meeting, our agency's Employee of the Quarter Luncheon and a Quarterly Meet and Confer event with our Regional Service Councils. Finally I will be attending the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Annual Conference where I will be presented the President's Award and Metro will receive the top Compass Award.

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