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Air Talk with Larry Mantle on KPCC radio interviewed Metro Executive Officer Stephanie Wiggins this morning re: the Metro ExpressLanes program. Topics discussed during the interview included a progress report on implementation of the ExpressLanes along the Harbor Freeway as well as the announcement that the I-10 ExpressLanes are set to open on Saturday, February 23, 2013 along the San Bernardino Freeway from Alameda/Union Station to the 605 freeway. Listeners were told that a FasTrak Transponder is required to access the Expresslanes but only solo drivers will be charged a toll. To date more than 87,000 transponders have been issued to motorists. In addition, KABC Eyewitness News is preparing a story on the Metro ExpressLanes program and interviewed Stephanie Wiggins last week regarding goals of the program during the year-long demonstration period. The KABC piece is expected to air sometime this week during their 11 p.m. newscast.

Metro Research Library Hosts Azusa-Pacific University

Today the Metro Research Library welcomed fifteen Azusa-Pacific University students and their Professor Paul Hertig for a lively discussion on Los Angeles transportation history and transportation's context, purpose and future. Azusa-Pacific University offers an experiential learning program, "The Los Angeles Term" that has its students live with local inner city families, work at social services agencies, and take public transportation exclusively for an entire semester. "Los Angeles has emerged as the cultural capitol of the 21st century, and perhaps the nation's greatest urban classroom...From politics to public art, business to biotechnology, entertainment to education, L.A. has become synonymous with innovation and invention." More information on the program can be found [here](#). The Research Library has had the honor of hosting these students to learn more about Metro's history, services and programs for the past two years. The students, most who come from areas without public transportation, found their experience far more positive than they expected, and were surprised by the ability to travel easily throughout Los Angeles without a car. They cited the availability of smart phone apps, the programming provided on TransitTV, and talking with fellow passengers as being most valuable to their experience using the transit system.

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