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House Transportation Committee To Hold Hearing On Federal Role In America's Infrastructure

The Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Bill Shuster (R-PA) has announced that his committee will hold a hearing on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 entitled, "The Federal Role in America's Infrastructure." The list of those testifying at the hearing has yet to be announced. On the same day, Chairman Shuster is slated to deliver remarks at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's 2013 Transportation Infrastructure Summit. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the conference will "explore fundamental issues facing transportation infrastructure including: defining the federal role, identifying challenges to supply chains, and expanding public private partnerships. In an opinion article that appeared on Congressional Quarterly's website on January 2, 2013, Chairman Shuster made the following observation on the federal role in America's infrastructure, "Our national transportation system binds us together. As President Dwight D. Eisenhower observed, without the unifying force of transportation, "we would be a mere alliance of many separate parts." Working together in the 113th Congress, the committee will focus on strengthening America's national transportation network to make us more efficient, more competitive and more prosperous. This is an important responsibility of government — especially the federal government." Our federal representatives in Washington, DC will participate in both the congressional hearing and the Chamber's Transportation Infrastructure Summit.

Blue Line Maintenance This Weekend

Service on the Metro Blue Line will be suspended from this Friday night until close of service Sunday, February 8, 2013 through February 10, 2013, to support the semi-annual work by the City of Long Beach to trim the palm trees between the Blue Line tracks, on Long Beach Boulevard, from Willow Street to 3rd Street. The work requires that the overhead power for each track to be turned off, in turn not allowing trains to run. Beginning at 9:00 p.m. Friday, February 8, 2013 and continuing during regular business hours until Close on Saturday, February 9, 2013, the Blue Line will end at Wardlow Station. On Sunday, February 10, 2013 during regular business hours, the Blue Line will end at Willow Station. During this work, Metro shuttle buses will link the affected closed stations. Multiple Metro departments will support the weekend closure. Additionally, the Metro Maintenance of Way and Facilities Maintenance departments have scheduled numerous maintenance activities in the affected area. A track switch will be replaced, preventive maintenance and system improvements will be completed on the overhead power system, station canopies will be pressure washed and platform tiles will be replaced, communication systems

upgrades will be made and station lighting will be improved.

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Metro Builders, the Prime Contractor on Metro's Crenshaw Advanced Utilities Relocation Contract, has submitted its December 2012 report summarizing its progress towards meeting the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) and Construction Careers Policy (CCP) Targeted Worker goals. While Metro Builders has demonstrated that it is exceeding the 40% National Targeted Worker goal, it is not meeting the 10% Disadvantaged Worker goal. As a result, Metro requested and Metro Builders has submitted a revised Employment Hiring Plan (EHP) detailing how Metro Builders plans to meet all of the Targeted Worker goals. Metro Builders committed to meet all CCP goals in its revised EHP and provided an updated projected worker utilization schedule. Metro has met with the Prime Contractor and will meet again next week to discuss the importance of the CCP goal requirements. To access the December 2012 report, please click [here](#).

http://www.metro.net/about_us/pla/images/target_worker_summary_report.pdf

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