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**Press Event for the 10 ExpressLanes – Less Than 24-Hours Before Officially Opening to the Public**

This morning I joined Metro Board Directors John Fasana, Mayor Villaraigosa and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas along with a host of federal, state and local elected officials to announce the official opening of Metro ExpressLanes along the San Bernardino 10 Freeway. The 14-miles of Metro ExpressLanes from Union Station/Alameda to the 605 Freeway is set to officially open at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, February 23, 2013. The event was held at the new El Monte Station in front of the Metro Expresslanes Walk-in Center. Metro Board Director John Fasana served as the Master of ceremonies, while Metro Board Director Ridley-Thomas, Metro Board Director Villaraigosa, and I had the opportunity to speak at the event. Elected officials attending this morning's press event included Representative Grace Napolitano; Representative Judy Chu; Assemblymembers Ed Chau and Roger Hernandez; Federal Highway Administration's Administrator, Victor Mendez; Caltrans District 7 Director Mike Miles; and Marc Shaw from the California Highway Patrol. Numerous media outlets attended this morning's event including Channel 2/9, 4, 5, 7, 11/13, LA 18, 22, 35, 8TV, MBC, Brea Vision, The Satellite Channel, Phoenix TV, Skylink TV, LA Times, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Sing Tao Daily, Korean Times, Chinese Daily News, International Daily News, China Press, World Journal, KNX and KFI radio. Media stories are expected throughout the day regarding the Metro ExpressLanes program. We were very pleased with the turnout at today's event along with the shared enthusiasm for launch of the 10 ExpressLanes. For more about the event please click [here](#) and [here](#) for stories posted to the Source. To view the ExpressLanes website please click [here](#).

<http://thesource.metro.net/2013/02/22/metro-and-caltrans-mark-the-opening-of-metro-expresslanes-along-14-miles-of-the-i-10-san-bernardino-freeway-on-saturday/>

<http://thesource.metro.net/2013/02/22/officials-hold-event-for-expresslanes-opening-on-10-freeway-tonight/>

<https://www.metroexpresslanes.net/en/home/index.shtml>

### **Countdown to the 10 ExpressLanes – Tip #7: Teamwork Counts**

The opening of the 10 ExpressLanes between Alameda Street and the 605 freeway tomorrow occurs ahead of schedule and on budget. Metro ExpressLane's success is tied to the hard work of a multi-faceted team. The construction management led by Henry Fuks, Executive Officer, and Fred Smith, Director of Construction Management, resulted in completion of the 110 and 10 ExpressLanes with an excellent safety record with no lost time injuries. Over the last several years, the ExpressLanes team has made extensive efforts to effectively inform and educate both those who share our vision and those with different views. Staff has conducted more than 100 public meetings since the opening of the 110 ExpressLanes in November, bringing the total number of stakeholder meetings to more than 480. And with only one day left, we have exceeded our goal of for transponder adoption with more than 100,000 transponders issued. Thanks to all of the Metro staff that have worked together to ensure a successful rollout tomorrow. You can expect more updates as the project progresses over time.

### **Paving Improvements at Culver City Expo Line Station Park & Ride Lot**

Beginning next Monday, February 25, 2013 and continuing through Sunday, March 10, 2013 the Park & Ride lot at the Culver City Expo Line Station will be fully paved by the Expo Construction Authority. The paving is being performed based on customer feedback and will improve the durability and lifespan of the surface, as the original design has not performed adequately. Work will be completed in two phases to allow customers to continue using the lot. The east side of the parking lot will be closed between Monday, February 25, 2013 and Sunday, March 3, 2013. Once that portion of the lot has been paved, the west side of the lot will be closed from Monday, March 4, 2013 through Sunday, March 10, 2013. Due to the temporary reduction in parking capacity at Culver City, customers are reminded that free Metro parking is also available at nearby Expo/Crenshaw & La Cienega/Jefferson stations. Additionally, Culver City Station is served by many connecting bus lines including Metro, Culver CityBus and Santa Monica Big Blue Bus. Customers have been advised to prepare for this work through a number of channels including station signage, windshield drops, The Source posts, Twitter and Facebook. Customers should be aware that any vehicles left in the two work zones during the respective paving periods will be towed at the owner's expense.

### **California State Legislative Committees to Hold Informational Hearings on High Speed Rail**

On Monday, February 25, 2013, the Assembly Committee on Transportation, Chaired by Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal, will host an informational hearing regarding the status of the High Speed Rail project. The Committee will discuss the status of the project and consider oversight recommendations to the High Speed Rail Authority as the project begins construction later this year. The High Speed Rail Authority's CEO, Jeff Morales, will provide an update on the project, organizational changes and issues that the Authority feel need to be addressed in the Legislature's upcoming session. On Tuesday February 26, 2013, the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee and the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee on Resources, Environmental Protection Energy and Transportation will hold a hearing titled, "California High-Speed Rail Project: How Should the State Safeguard the Public's Interest?". This hearing will examine issues similar to those being addressed in the Assembly Transportation Committee Hearing but will also evaluate the delivery methods proposed by the California High Speed Rail Authority. Metro staff will be at all hearings and will testify on behalf of the agency's interests.

## **Procurement Postings for Next Week**

### Lankershim Depot Rehabilitation Phase Two (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week for the shell and core rehabilitation of Historic Lankershim Depot, located at 11275 Chandler Boulevard, in North Hollywood, CA, including hazardous soils removal, as described in the Metro technical document. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, February 25, 2013 through Friday, June 28, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Diana Sogomonyan, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7243.

### Express Lanes Operations and Maintenance Oversight (RFP)

Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure Express Lanes Operations and Maintenance Oversight Support. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 1, 2013 to April 30, 2013. Purpose: Consultant support for Metro staff in overseeing the following: Toll Vendor Contract - performance, deliverables, reports and invoices; Toll System Operations – dynamic pricing algorithm, business rules, compliance with FHWA requirements, reports review, spare parts management.; Customer Service Center Operations – review of SOPs compliance, financial transactions, trip transactions, violations transactions, system reports, and so forth. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by W. T. (Ted) Sparkuhl, at (213) 922-7399.

### Powered Axle Assembly and Traction Gear Unit Overhaul (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure services for powered axle assembly and traction gear unit overhaul for the P865/P2020 Nippon-Sharyo rail vehicles. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 28, 2013 through June 10, 2013. The powered axle assembly and traction gear unit overhaul is required to support the maintenance and repair/overhaul program on Metro's light rail vehicles (LRV). These services are essential to ensure that powered axle performance is in accordance with the LRV manufacturer's performance criteria. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Otto Ojong, Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 922-1454.

### Air Dryers (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Air Dryers. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 28, 2013 through July 31, 2013. Air Dryers are needed to maintain the bus fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. Award of contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at (213) 922-1018.

### Boot and Spring Assemblies (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure boot and spring assemblies. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 26, 2013 through July 30, 2013. Bus boot and spring assemblies are needed to maintain the Series 50G natural gas engines. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at (213) 922-1018.

### Safety Glasses and Respirators (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Safety Glasses and Respirators. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 26, 2013 through July 30, 2013. Safety Glasses and Respirators are needed for all employees who work in safety sensitive areas. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at (213) 922-1018.

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

Next week, Metro Board Chair Michael Antonovich and I will speak at the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) Marketing and Communications Workshop. I will meet with Metro Board Chair Michael Antonovich, Metro Board Director Don Knabe, and Metro Board Director Zev Yaroslavsky. Additionally, I will be attending Metro's February Board Meeting. Lastly, I will attend a tribute for Will Kempton, who is retiring from his post as Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Transportation Authority.

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