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**McBean Park and Ride Groundbreaking Ceremony**

Yesterday, I attended and spoke at the McBean Park and Ride Groundbreaking Ceremony in Santa Clarita. Metro invested \$2.97 million through the 2007 Call for Projects, which is approximately half of the total cost of this new facility. The four-acre project will include 282 parking spaces, two bus platforms for express buses, LED lighting and bike lockers. This new park and ride facility will improve connections to local Santa Clarita Transit, Metrolink and Metro. To read more about this project and to view photos from the event, please visit The Source by clicking [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/01/17/groundbreaking-ceremony-held-for-new-mcbean-park-and-ride/).

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**Metro Monthly Green Tips: January 2013**

Green tips are applicable both at work and at home, this month's green tips focuses on what green choices you can make as you ring in the New Year. Now that we have entered 2013 you have the opportunity to make New Year's resolutions center around more sustainable choices. Going green all at once is too much for almost anyone to accomplish. Instead, try adding a few more ideas in the upcoming months, or pick one from last year's green tips. You'll be surprised at how many changes you can make in the coming months.

**1. Try New Organic Food:**

It's healthy for you and for the environment, so why not try just one additional organic food this year? More and more types of food, from popcorn and kiwis to potato chips and avocados, are available as organic. You can also keep your New Year resolution to save money by purchasing only these best organic food buys.

**2. Try Homemade Cleaning Products:**

Homemade cleaners are not only less toxic, they're also less expensive. Why wait until spring cleaning when you probably have many of these green cleaners in your house right now? From the kitchen sink to the bathroom shower, these natural cleaners will get the job done. Try baking soda, vinegar, washing soda and lemons as an alternative to chemical filled cleaning products around the house.

**3. Increase Your Physical Activity:**

This is perhaps one of the simplest and most pleasant ways to go green -- just put one foot in front of the other. Outdoor activity has proven benefits, so whether you stroll around the block, take the stairs at work, or just drink in the scenery on a long hike, you're helping to cut down on energy use while staying in shape. Plus, walking is a great way to remind yourself of why we're all discovering how to be greener these days.

By implementing this month's green tips into your office, home and everyday life you'll help in building a more sustainable future!

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

#### Removal and Disposal of Hazardous and Universal Waste (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week seeking a Contractor to provide the removal, transportation and disposal of hazardous waste and universal waste at Metro facilities. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from January 21, 2013 through March 1, 2013. Metro bus, rail and support facilities generate hazardous and universal wastes in the maintenance and repair of buses, rail cars and non-revenue vehicles and equipment. Environmental regulations require waste materials to be removed and transported by a licensed hazardous waste transporter to a fully-permitted Treatment, Storage and Disposal (TSD) facility. The Contractor shall also provide emergency response services for the remediation of material release and trauma scene cleanup. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Jean Davis, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1041.

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

Next week, I will meet with Chair Michael Antonovich and Board Directors Mark Ridley-Thomas, Don Knabe and Zev Yaroslavsky. Wednesday, I will meet the Los Angeles Dodger's President Stan Kasten, the Chairman's Assistant Nick Sandler, and Mike DePallo of Metrolink. Thursday, I will attend our monthly Board Meeting. Lastly, I will meet with Amtrak Director Yvonne Burke.

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