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Metro and Caltrans completed the Alternative Analysis (AA) Report for the State Route 710 North Study, and shared the information with the public at three All Communities Convening Open Houses that concluded on Saturday January 26, 2013. The meetings were held in the communities of Pasadena, San Marino, and on the campus of Cal State Los Angeles, with a total attendance of approximately 350 participants. Extensive outreach was conducted, including Open House announcements to 126 local jurisdictions and community groups within the study area, print advertisements, blogs and social networking in order to encourage public participation. Many media outlets covered the open houses, and we conducted interviews with Channel 4 News, KNX News Radio, and KPCC which were aired over the weekend. The Open Houses were designed as a learning environment in which community members may engage at their own pace and in the subject matter that interests them most. The multi-modal alternative concepts and other study process information were available for viewing on large interactive boards staffed by multidisciplinary team members who were available to provide one-on-one dialogue with Open House participants. A 9-minute information video about the Alternatives Analysis process and the five alternatives moving forward was well received by the public.

**Metro and Community Partners Host “Construction 101”**

On Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Metro staff and community partners conducted a “Construction 101” workshop at Inglewood City Hall which was attended by over 100 community members interested in construction careers in the transportation industry. The program is aimed at introducing interested parties to the process by which they can take advantage of Metro’s Construction Careers Policy. The City of Inglewood welcomed Metro, LAANE, Trade Union Apprenticeship Coordinators, Black Worker’s Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Call, WINTER (Women in Non-Traditional Employment), YouthBuild, Workforce Investment Board representatives, WE Build and Southeast LA Worksource Center. Similar workshops will be offered throughout Los Angeles County in the coming year.

**Crenshaw/LAX Community Leadership Council (CLC) Holds First Meeting of 2013**

On January 24, 2013, the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project Community Leadership Council (CLC) kicked off the New Year with their first quarterly meeting at First Church of God- Center of Hope, with over 125 community stakeholders and elected

officials in attendance. Following a “virtual tour” of the 8.5 mile light rail project alignment, we presented updates on the Crenshaw/LAX project and the work of the Safety Project Oriented Discussion (POD) which examines more ways to establish a safe transit line. The meeting agenda also included a status report on the Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Program. The Honorable James T. Butts, Mayor of the City of Inglewood, provided a presentation of the Inglewood Light Rail Strategic Plan for the segment of the transit project that will cross through downtown Inglewood on the way to Los Angeles International Airport. The next quarterly meeting of the CLC will be in April, 2013.

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