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This morning Division 1 bus operator, Olivia Gamboa, 47, was killed in a tragic collision with a tow truck in downtown Los Angeles. Olivia worked for Metro for more than a dozen years and was a quiet, family-oriented woman who was well liked by her fellow operators and passengers. Olivia is survived by her husband and daughter who are also Metro bus operators. Metro staff has contacted Olivia's family to express our sincerest condolences for their loss. Grief counselors have been dispatched to help comfort Olivia's co-workers. I urge all employees and their families to take part in our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) through ComPsyche at 877-335-5327 for assistance with dealing with any feelings of grief, anxiety, depression and stress related to this incident.

California Transportation Commission Actions Provide Funding for Los Angeles County Transportation Projects

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced today that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated \$1 billion in funding statewide for transportation projects yesterday. The news release highlighted two allocations for Los Angeles County projects: \$55.5 million for a pavements rehabilitation project in the Sunland and Tujunga area of the Cities of Los Angeles and Glendale and \$26.7 million for an emissions reduction project at the Port of Los Angeles. In all, more than \$122 million was allocated for projects in Los Angeles County. Please click [here](#) for a more complete list of these projects. The CTC also discussed at its meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 the status of the efforts of Caltrans and project sponsors around the state to attain compliance with Buy America provisions affecting utility relocations under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). Representatives of Pacific Gas and Electric and Southern California Edison were present to report on their efforts and respond to Commissioners' comments. They indicated that they are working hard to understand which of their materials are affected and of those, which are available in the U.S. They have already discovered some that are not, thus waivers will be required, and the waiver process could take up to a year. They assured the Commissioners that they do intend to comply. Several commissioners emphasized a sense of urgency.

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Utility Relocation - Bundy Drive

As part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will continue with utility relocation along Bundy Drive in the City of Los Angeles. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor *Skanska-Rados Joint Venture (SRJV)*, and its subcontractors. Construction work is scheduled to begin

starting mid June 2013 for approximately 5 weeks and in mid July 2013 for approximately 4 weeks. Construction work hours are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](#).

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