



**Metro**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2012**

**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**THROUGH:** ARTHUR T. LEAHY *by per*  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**FROM:** KRISHNIAH N. MURTHY *KM*

**SUBJECT:** RE-OPENING OF SUNSET BRIDGE

**ISSUE:**

The opening of the Sunset Bridge will be the first milestone for the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project.

This Board Box is to inform the Board that the Sunset Bridge (1 of 3 bridges being replaced on the I-405) will be opened to the public on the morning of Monday, September 24, 2012.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Sunset Bridge demolition and reconstruction is a part of Metro's I-405 freeway improvement project to create a 10-mile carpool lane on the northbound I-405. Sunset Bridge will be one of three full bridges being replaced. The bridge demolition and reconstruction started in July 2010 and was performed in two phases while maintaining access to and across the freeway. The addition of the northbound carpool lane and access to the bridge required that the new Sunset Bridge be 30-feet wider and 120-feet longer. The bridge design improvements include seismic upgrades, wider shoulders, and sidewalks with two additional lanes to improve the flow of traffic and new utility lines will also be installed. New Northbound freeway on-and off-ramps to the bridge will be completed next year. The public will benefit from added lane capacity, traffic safety upgrades, and easier freeway access.