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Metro's Strategic Workforce Planning Department Representatives Attend Veteran Career Fairs

Our new office of Strategic Workforce Planning is collaborating with Human Resources and many external organizations as part of the Veterans Hiring Initiative. Metro representatives were at three recent Veteran Career Fairs: April 6, 2012 hosted by Metro at the USG Headquarters Building; August 9, 2012 in San Diego hosted by The Patriot Group; and August 28, 2012 at the Hiring Our Heroes event hosted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles (Century City). Metro provided approximately 300 day passes to Veterans through the Employment Development Department (EDD) to attend the Aug 28, 2012 event. Since January 2012, 4% of Metro's new hires have been Veterans. Additional veteran programs are in development and Lonnie Mitchell, Executive Director of Strategic Workforce Planning has just been appointed to the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) Military/Transit Relevancy Oversight Committee of APTA's Public Transit/Military Initiative. To view pictures from these events, please click [here](#).

http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120831_Strategic_Workforce_Planning_Veterans_Career_Fair_Pictures.pdf

Metro Offers To Host Title VI Compliance Seminar

Today, our agency conveyed [correspondence](#) to Linda Ford, Acting Director of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Office of Civil Rights, offering to host a seminar on the FTA's recently released Title VI Circular. Specifically, the FTA has updated the Title VI Circular to 4702.1B. According to the FTA, the "revised circular provides guidance to grantees on how to comply with Title VI regulations, as well as to ensure grantees provide meaningful language access to persons who are limited English proficient. The circular provides specific compliance information for each type of grantee and provides comprehensive appendices including additional guidance and examples to ensure recipients understand the requirements. Earlier this week the FTA published a notice in the Federal Register addressing comments received during development of the Circular. Our staff has carefully reviewed the proposed Title VI Circular and will modify our policies and procedures accordingly. Please find [here](#) a link to the proposed Title VI

Circular.

http://www.fta.dot.gov/12349_13816.html

Open House and Community Meeting for SR-2 Highway Terminus Project

On August 29, 2012, Caltrans, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and our agency jointly hosted a Community Meeting and Open House for the SR-2 Project. Caltrans is the agency lead on the project; LADOT is a partnering agency; and Metro is leading the outreach effort. The meeting was held at the Mayberry Elementary School and included an update on the Final Engineering/Design of Phase 1A and Phase 1B of the selected "Hybrid Alternative". The Hybrid Alternative combines various features from the range of alternatives that were considered in the environmental study and addresses the project objectives and wide-ranging community input. Approximately 75 stakeholders from Silver Lake, Echo Park, and surrounding communities attended, including representatives from federal and state offices of elected officials and from City of Los Angeles City Council offices. The presentation highlighted previous planning and outreach efforts and included an overview of the Hybrid Alternative and project cost estimates. Committed safety improvements in Phase 1A (including replacement lighting, re-striping, replacement of flashing beacon, installation of vehicle speed feedback sign, and replacement of freeway sign panels) and improvements in Phase 1B (including installation of a ramp meter, extension and beautification of the Glendale Boulevard median, and construction of new soundwalls) were also discussed. Some community members requested greater resource allocation to bike, pedestrian, and beautification elements, and questions were asked about the proposed soundwalls in Phase 1B. The Final Engineering/Design of Phase 1A will be completed in September 2012, and the anticipated start of construction is December 2012/January 2013. Completion of Phase 1B Final Engineering/Design is scheduled for January 2014, and start of construction is scheduled for June 2014. Phase 2 (ramp relocation, decommissioning of the existing ramp and grading for recreational use and future bike path, and sidewalk improvements) will only proceed into the final design and construction phase if additional funding is secured by Metro and Caltrans. For more information on the SR-2 Highway Terminus Project and the Hybrid Alternative, please visit the project website at metro.net/sr2.

First Two Wilshire Ramps to Open Early

Metro Media Relations has issued a news release announcing that Metro and its I-405 project contractor, Kiewit Infrastructure West, plan to open the Westbound Wilshire on-ramp to the Northbound I-405 and the Northbound I-405 off-ramp to Westbound Wilshire today to Los Angeles motorists, approximately three weeks earlier than scheduled and

just in time for Labor Day weekend. The ramp closures, popularly known as “Ramp Jam” or “Rampture,” were originally scheduled for 90-day closures that officially began on June 22, 2012. They were originally scheduled to reopen September 22, 2012. The contractor benefited from built-in contract incentives to complete work early in efforts by Metro to reduce the duration of traffic impacts resulting from major construction activities. Work crews worked day and night to demolish and rebuild the ramps. Additionally, the project team scheduled the work after UCLA’s quarter ended in June, resulting in lighter local traffic conditions that allowed construction crews to take all needed lane closures and accelerate their work. Six other Wilshire ramps will be closed consecutively, some two at a time, between 14 and 90 days over the next year. The next ramp closures are not expected to start until November, and will likely be 14-day closures which may not be performed simultaneously. The closure schedule for the next ramps will be announced at a later date.

Advanced Weekend I-405 Directional Closures Required to Prepare for Final Demolition of Mulholland Bridge September 29-30, 2012

Metro Media Relations has issued a news release advising the public that two extended, 10-hour directional freeway closures will be required on the weekends leading up to “Carmageddon II” September 29-30, 2012 to prepare the remaining half of the Mulholland Bridge for its final demolition. The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project contractor will remove the falsework from the newly constructed south bridge side and will adjust Mulholland Drive’s roadway alignment and elevation to meet the bridge’s new approaches. Freeway and Mulholland Drive work are scheduled for September 8-9, 15-16 and 21-24. See [news release](#) for specific closure schedule details. Due to the extended duration of the freeway closures that will start earlier at night and continue later into the morning weekend hours, motorists are advised to plan ahead to avoid traffic congestion impacts.

Procurement Postings for Next Week

Metro Blue Line Rail Turnouts (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure rail turnouts for Metro Blue Line. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from September 3, 2012 through December 7, 2012. New rail turnouts are required as part of MOW’s ongoing program to maintain Metro’s infrastructure by replacing the original rail turnouts which are worn due to normal service operations and exposure to the elements. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Juelene Close, Contract Administrator at 213-922-1066.

Replacement of Actuator Drives for Metro Red Line Segment 1 (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure the replacement of one hundred fifty-six (156) actuators drive mechanisms located at five Metro Red Line passenger stations. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from August 24, 2012 through November 25, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Gabriel Hurtado, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-2632.

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