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California State Transportation Agency Announces Grant Awards

On Tuesday, the California State Transportation Agency announced the grant recipients of the 2015 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program. These grants help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by supporting public transportation projects. Los Angeles County received the following grant awards:

- Antelope Valley Transit Authority - \$24,403,000 for the Regional Transit Interconnectivity & Environmental Sustainability Project
- Los Angeles MTA (Metro) - \$38,494,000 for the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station & Blue Line Light Rail Operational Improvements Project
- LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency - \$1,675,000 for the Pacific Surfliner Transit Transfer Project
- SCRRRA (Metrolink) - \$41,181,000 for the purchase of 9 Fuel-Efficient Tier IV Locomotives Project

Please find [here](#) and [here](#) the grant award information from the California State Transportation Agency.

Congressman Tony Cardenas (CA-29) Tours Metro's North Hollywood Pedestrian Underpass Project

Today, Congressman Tony Cardenas was welcomed and joined by Interim Deputy Chief Executive Officer Stephanie Wiggins, Project Management Director Milind Joshi, Government Relations and Skanska representatives for a construction tour of Metro's North Hollywood Pedestrian Underpass Project. This project is within the 29th Congressional district, is 45% complete and of the \$22 million total project cost, includes \$10 million in federal grant funds.

Roundtable Discussion with Congresswoman Bass

Thank you to Congresswoman Karen Bass (37-CA), Councilman-Elect Marqueece Harris-Dawson and Metro Director Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker for hosting and participating in the Metro Roundtable Discussion with civic and community leaders last Sunday in Culver City. I look forward to continuing the conversation as we continue to work together to make sure Los Angeles County residents have access to jobs, job training opportunities and expanded Metro public transportation options.

Human Trafficking Awareness Online Training Program for Metro Employees

Almost one million people – mostly young girls – are trafficked against their will each year. An increasing number are being trafficked right here across Los Angeles County.

As part of Metro's commitment to combatting Human Trafficking, we are working with local politicians, law enforcement agencies and aid organizations to expand awareness of this egregious crime. In addition to mounting an aggressive awareness campaign across L.A. County, Metro is also rolling out a Human Trafficking Awareness training program for our workforce. This training program will be mandatory for all Metro employees.

The purpose of this training is to ensure that all our employees understand the seriousness and prevalence of this crime. More importantly, this training has been designed to equip Metro employees with information on how to spot possible victims of Human Trafficking, and where to report suspicious activity. The key goal of this training is to stress to employees that when you **"See Something, Say Something."** Your completion of the training will be vital to help Metro contribute to the reduction, and eventual eradication of this crime.

Beginning next week, Metro's Training & Development Department will begin rolling out an online training program starting with non-contract employees. All non-contract employees will be receiving email messages with instruction on how to access and complete this training and will be expected to complete the training within sixty (60) days. Participation will be monitored to make sure that all employees complete the training.

Be on the lookout for future communications from Training & Development with instructions pertaining to the remaining bargaining units.

Burbank Bus Rolls Out to Bob Hope Airport

In partnership with the City of Burbank and the Bob Hope Airport, Metro is funding the Burbank Bus connection to Bob Hope Airport. As one of the I-5 north construction project's funded mitigations, this new all-day bus service is now available from the Metro North Hollywood Red Line Station to the Bob Hope Airport. The service operates from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding designated holidays. For the schedule and weekend service information, please click [here](#). The cost to ride the Burbank Bus Shuttle is \$1, or free for riders who have a Metro EZ transit pass, Metrolink ticket and pass, an Access Rider ID TAP card, or a Burbank Senior Activity Card. I encourage you all to help spread the word about this new mobility option.

Metro Launches Transit Oriented Communities Webpage

Transit Oriented Communities (TOCs) represent a holistic approach to development focused on human-scale, walkable places developed as a community, rather than a single development parcel. Toward this effort, Metro's Joint Development program is working closely with the Strategic Initiatives group to enhance the agency's cross-departmental work to create TOCs. This updated approach is showcased in the unit's new [Transit Oriented Communities webpage](#), which comprises Joint Development, TOD Planning Grant and TOD Toolkit programs.

Eat Shop Play Lunch Meet Ups

Lunch Meet-Ups are monthly gatherings where people who live, work and play in corridors where Metro is constructing new rail lines gather to support a participating business. Stakeholders socialize and enjoy delicious food, while playing an important role in helping to support businesses impacted by

construction. The idea behind these lunch events is that everyone can chip in to help neighborhood businesses -- and you can even do it during your lunch break! The lunches are a part of the Eat, Shop, Play local initiative that Metro started to help bring focused attention to businesses impacted by construction work in Crenshaw, Inglewood, Little Tokyo, Downtown Los Angeles and along the Wilshire corridor. Note: Each guest is billed separately; Metro does not pay for lunches.

Eat, Shop, Play Inglewood launches at Orleans & York Deli

Last Friday Metro's *Eat, Shop, Play* (ESP) campaign kicked off its *Lunch Meet-Up* in Inglewood with a *Lunch Meet-Up* at Orleans & York Deli (400 E. Florence Ave). Metro Board Director and Mayor of Inglewood James Butts attended and supported this effort. In addition, there were a total of 27 Metro and Walsh Shea Corridor Constructor employees, and staff from City of Inglewood and LA County. Over 45 people accepted Metro's invitation to join us for lunch and to support a worthy cause.

Regional Connector Team Supports Blue Cube

Last week, eighteen members of the Regional Connector Project Team gathered for an Eat, Shop, Play DTLA *Lunch Meet-Up* at Blue Cube. From Blue Cube's turkey burgers, club sandwiches and specialty burgers, everyone was more than happy with their choices. The owner, later, contacted project staff to express his gratitude for the visit and support. In addition to the Regional Connector team supporting local businesses during construction, the team has been working closely with Blue Cube's owner to promote the café. Blue Cube is located in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles at 206 S. Spring St. directly across from the future 2nd St/Broadway Station. Blue Cube is a participant of the Metro Eat, Shop, Play DTLA and Metro Destination Discounts programs. Go Metro and receive 10% off your lunch order here!

Purple Line Extension Team Visits Origen Mexican Kitchen

On Wednesday, Eat, Shop, Play Wilshire held a *Lunch Meet-Up* at Origen Mexican Restaurant located at 5354 Wilshire Bl. Metro staff, local community partners, neighbors and stakeholders were all invited to join us for lunch between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The meet-up had a great turn out with over 60 people showing their support! Origen is a family-owned restaurant located across the street from the future La Brea Station.

To take the pledge to Eat, Shop Play, click here.

Metro Art Engages Communities along the Crenshaw/LAX Corridor

In May, the artist Kenturah Davis (commissioned to create site-specific, integrated artwork for Florence/La Brea Station) gave a well-attended presentation followed by a photo shoot of community members for potential inclusion in station artwork, and a Bi-Monthly Project Construction Community Update included a well-received presentation on the Project's Art program. Photos of the artists workshop and the youth workshop can be seen here and here, respectively. Four additional artist-led construction phase art workshops with local youth took place in June. Additional upcoming programs to engage local communities include:

- Friday, July 10, 2015: Station art workshops with local youth.
- Saturday, July 11, 2015: Station art workshops with local youth.

Metro Art enhances the customer experience with innovative, award-winning visual and performing arts programming that encourages ridership and connects people, sites and neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles County. For more information about Metro's art program, please click here.

Citizens Advisory Council Recap

At their monthly General Assembly meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, our Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) received an update on the proposed Regional Interagency Transfer (IAT) Policy and elected officers for the new fiscal year.

Interagency Transfer Policy

Kelly Hines, Deputy Executive Officer for Finance and Local Programming explained some of the proposed IAT changes, including eliminating paper transfers for customers transferring between agencies with transfers allowed by TAP card only, and extending the transfer time from 2 to 2.5 hours. She further explained that the new IAT policy would help provide a more seamless, coordinated transit system, with 24 agencies now on TAP. There would be faster boardings as customers would no longer have to carry exact change. The proposed changes are consistent with initiatives by Metro and municipal operators' efforts to reduce cash and paper media in favor of technology options. Ms. Hines also outlined the steps the agency will take to address disparate impact (Title VI) findings for some patrons within walking distance of fixed-route transit who do not possess TAP cards. This will be addressed through a comprehensive marketing and outreach campaign including disseminating up to 1 million TAP cards to customers.

Elections

During the annual election of CAC officers, Jerard Wright and Dalila Sotelo initially tied in the voting for Chair. Mr. Wright will continue in that position. Ms. Sotelo will assume the duties of Vice Chair after withdrawing her nomination for Chair and asking to be considered for Vice Chair. Bill Weisman, who had been nominated for Vice Chair, agreed to forego that office to expedite a resolution. Michael Kravitz was re-elected Secretary and Seymour Rosen was elected Chair Emeritus. The CAC members, appointed by the Metro Board of Directors, meet twice monthly and provide community feedback on the agency's services to the Board.

4th of July Security Message

I would like to echo the security message sent to employees this morning from Ronene Anda, Chief of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department's Transit Policing Division. In wishing you all a special day in celebration of our nation's independence, we must remember our responsibility to protect those things we value. Metro plays a vital role in the safety and security of Fourth of July celebrations across the Los Angeles region. Safety and security are priority #1. We are the first line of defense in protecting our customers and our infrastructure—please look around and be aware of anything unusual at your workplace, and, as always, if you see something, say something. Report things that appear out of place to 888-950-SAFE or through the LA Transit Watch App.

I hope you all have a safe and happy Fourth of July.

Procurement Postings

Bus King Decal Outdoor Advertising Production (IFB) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a two-step Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure production of Bus King Outdoor Decals. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, July 6, 2015 through Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

Metro's Communications Department requires the services of a qualified vendor to produce Bus King Decal Outdoor Advertising Materials promoting Metro's services to the public.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Linda Rickert at (213) 922-4186.

P2000-2015 Light Rail Vehicle Overhaul Program (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit a Transit Vehicle Manufacturer to provide an Overhaul Program for Metro's P2000 Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) fleet by replacing and/or overhauling critical vehicle systems and subsystems. The P2000 LRV fleet consists of 52 LRVs manufactured by Siemens between 2000 – 2004. The Overhaul Program is designed to upgrade and/or replace major

systems and subsystems to improve the overall safety, availability, and reliability of the LRVs and to maintain the “State of Good Repair”. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, July 9, 2015 through Thursday, May 26, 2016. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Nicole Dang, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7438.

Construction Notices – Crenshaw/LAX, Purple Line Extension Section I, I-5, I-10

Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project: Century Boulevard near LAX will be closed between Aviation Boulevard and Bellanca Avenue starting Monday, July 6, 2015 so that framing installation for the new bridge can take place without danger to vehicles passing beneath. Work will take place at night for two weeks, from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. This work is necessary to support the aerial Aviation/Century Station.

Purple Line Extension Section I: Demolition of Structures, Wilshire and La Brea

- Design-build contractor *Skanska Traylor Shea (STS)*, and its subcontractors will be demolishing the former Metro Customer Service Center and Lawrence of La Brea Buildings located at the northwest corner of Wilshire and La Brea.
- Work will begin, Monday, July 6, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will continue daily until Friday, August 7, 2015. For the complete construction notice, please click [here](#).

Caltrans Interstate 5: [All construction updates](#)

Caltrans Interstate 10: Beginning the evening of July 6, 2015, Caltrans will close a half mile section of the I-10 ExpressLanes in both the east and west directions between Peck Road and Valley Boulevard for a period of six weeks to implement safety enhancements. The closure will be 24 hours a day for the ExpressLanes section and as needed on the General Purpose lanes. Drivers in the ExpressLanes will have to merge out of the ExpressLanes into the General Purpose lanes prior to the construction zone. This is anticipated to increase traffic congestion in the area.

“The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.”
~Denis Waitley



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