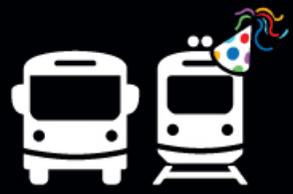


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Happy Birthday,  
Metro Rail!



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## **Metro Celebrates, Recreates History on 25th Anniversary of Rail**

On Monday, I joined Chair Ridley-Thomas, Vice Chair Fasana, Second Vice Chair Garcetti, and Directors Solis, Dupont-Walker and Butts, along with former Metro Board Members and CEOs, elected officials, transportation stakeholders, current and former Metro employees, and riders, to commemorate 25 years of Metro Rail in Los Angeles County. We gathered in celebration at Pico Station, the same site where the Blue Line opened 25 years ago, and enjoyed festivities which included a photo booth, musical performances, and much needed shade from the hot sun.

As I said in my remarks, commemorating 25 years of Metro Rail in Los Angeles County is a big deal. As we become the best, most innovative, balanced and customer focused transportation system in the world, we must be willing, as our predecessors were, to try new things. It was an honor to celebrate this moment of history as we look forward, and it was an honor to celebrate this occasion with the employees who span the rich and evolving history of transportation in Los Angeles. To the employees: thank you for your work now and then, and for the extra effort which made this event a success. We still have work to do to make sure the best years are ahead of us.

For colorful photos, a recap and press release from the event as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).

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## **Welcome Chair Ridley-Thomas**

Next week, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas will lead the first Regular Board Meeting of his FY16 Chairmanship. The leadership and experience that he and his staff bring will undoubtedly be helpful as we pursue excellence and strive to be the best.

We have a great year ahead of us. I am looking forward to working with the Chair to accomplish great things.

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## **Minority Leader Pelosi and Congressman Lieu Support Long-Term Transportation Bill**

This morning, I joined House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Representative Ted Lieu, Metro Director Sheila Kuehl, Santa Monica Mayor Kevin McKeown and labor leaders Rusty Hicks and Ron Miller in Santa Monica for a news conference calling on the U.S. House of Representatives to pass a long-term surface transportation bill to meet the nation's transportation needs. The House has passed a stop-gap measure to provide temporary funding for transportation needs, but the Obama Administration and the U.S. Senate have advanced versions that provide six years of funding necessary for transportation projects. For photos of the event, please click [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

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## **Re-Imagining Metro Workshop**

Earlier today, renowned planner, activist, artist and former Metro staffer James Rojas led two “Re-Imagine Metro” interactive workshops, one with Metro’s high school interns and the other with the Metro Emerging Professionals Association. By tapping into lived experience and the imagination, participants used a planning tool involving recycled materials to model, discuss and play their way towards new ideas for Metro’s real world opportunities and challenges. In the debrief, participants discussed how to translate what they learned in the models into real, on the ground changes. This type of creative exercise, which encourages outside-the-box thinking about what we do and why we do it, is important to empower our employees to innovate.

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## **Metro – Official Transit Provider of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games**

The 2015 Special Olympics World Games are coming to Los Angeles from July 25 through August 2, 2015. The opening ceremony for what will be the biggest sporting and humanitarian event in the world this year, and the biggest in Los Angeles since the 1984 Olympics, will be Saturday, July 25, 2015 at the LA Coliseum. Metro is proud to be the official transit provider, Go Metro!

The World Games is an international sports competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, and includes more than 7,000 athletes representing 177 countries. As many as 500,000 fans are expected to attend the games, providing the opportunity for Metro to attract customers and provide excellent service. Metro will continue to encourage fans to Go Metro to the sporting venues.

Metro will also participate in organized cheering sections at three events as “Fans in the Stands.”

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## **Expo Phase II Train Testing Reaches Santa Monica**

Yesterday, The Exposition Construction Authority expanded Expo Line Phase 2 train testing to Santa Monica. This is an exciting milestone and I congratulate and appreciate the Expo Authority for reaching this goal – testing is now underway along the entirety of the new alignment from Culver City to Santa Monica!

As we get closer and the excitement builds, it is critical that safety and security remain our #1 priority and focus. There’s still much more testing, training and inspecting left to do before the line opens next year, and we must work in close coordination with all involved parties to put us in the position to provide excellence in service and support on this line and the whole system for years to come.

For more information, including safety tips for being near trains and train tracks as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).

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## **Metro Purple Line Extension Community Meeting**

Yesterday, the Purple Line Extension team held a community meeting at the Screen Actors Guild – American Federation of Television and Radio Artists Plaza to discuss the latest updates in construction activities for Section 1 of the project. During the meeting, the team presented the latest on utility relocation and upcoming construction activities in the Wilshire/La Brea area, which includes pile installation that will begin in the fall. The tree removal and replacement plan was also discussed and Mia Lehrer + Associates presented the tree palette for the Wilshire/Western, Wilshire/La Brea and Wilshire/Fairfax areas. The team also talked about the Eat, Shop, Play Wilshire campaign and spotlighted four local businesses: Origen Mexican Kitchen, Muse on 8th, Ryders Tuxedo and Black Dog Coffee. For a copy of the presentation, please click [here](#).

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## Eat, Shop, Play Little Tokyo Lunch Meet-Up

On Wednesday, the Regional Connector Transit Project team officially launched its first Eat, Shop, Play Little Tokyo (#espLittleTokyo) *Lunch Meet-Up* at Mitsuru Sushi & Grill, near the future 1st/Central Station. The community was invited to join Metro to support the family-owned restaurant.

*Lunch Meet-Ups* are among several components of Eat, Shop, Play Little Tokyo campaign that Metro has developed to help bring focused attention to businesses impacted by the construction. For a full list of participating businesses, visit [metro.net/eatshopplay](http://metro.net/eatshopplay).

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## Rappin with Phil

Thank you to all who have signed up and continue to sign up to rap with me so far. The first session is coming up and I am excited to hear your ideas.

Though sessions are now full through December of this year, anyone who signs up will be placed on a waiting list and will be given confirmation of their session time and location as new sessions become available.

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## Procurement Postings

### Joint Development Design Review – Eastside (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to assist with the Joint Development Design Review for the Eastside. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, July 20, 2015 through Friday, October 30, 2015.

Metro is seeking professional services to assist the Joint Development (JD) staff in the implementation of JD activities along the Eastside.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lily Lopez, Interim Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 922-4639.

### Plans, Specifications, and Estimate for I-5 North Managed Lanes (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Architectural and Engineering professional services for Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) for I-5 North Managed Lanes project. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Friday, July 17, 2015 to Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

The qualified contractor will be required to prepare the final PS&E design of new High Occupancy Vehicles lanes in each direction on the I-5 North from State Route 14 to Parker Road.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Erika Estrada Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 922-1102.

### Crenshaw/LAX Transit Line Joint Development Opportunity Sites – Feasibility Studies, Development Guidelines and Design Review (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to assist with the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Line Joint Development (JD) Opportunity Sites – Feasibility Studies, Development Guidelines and Design Review. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, July 15, 2015 through Tuesday, October 27, 2015.

Metro is seeking professional services to assist the JD staff in the implementation of JD activities along the Crenshaw Line including feasibility studies, Development Guidelines and design review.

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Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Jesse Zepeda, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-4156.

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### **Construction Notices – Blue Line, Purple Line Extension Section I, I-5, I-10**

#### **Metro Blue Line: Pico Station Closure for Refurbishment**

- As part of the Blue Line refurbishment project to replace station canopies, lighting, paint and other components, train service will be replaced by bus shuttles from 7<sup>th</sup>/Metro to Grand Station and Expo 23<sup>rd</sup>/LATTC stations during the weekend only.

#### **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 began, 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 closed 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.

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*“Anything is Possible on a Train...”  
~Paul Theroux*

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