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Metro's Leadership Academy Begins Accepting Applications Monday, September 14, 2015

Leadership is a personal commitment to exercising one's influence towards a common goal; it will take leadership at all levels of the organization to realize our vision. Everyone can contribute to the future of Metro, and the Leadership Academy is one tool to support that level of employee engagement.

The Leadership Academy will give participants the framework and tools to understand their personal leadership style and the changing environment within our industry and workplace. Participants will leave with a renewed appreciation of their potential; a new understanding of high-quality business connections and a stronger sense of how to maximize their influence.

ALL Metro employees with at least one year of full-time service are eligible to participate. Applications will be accepted starting Monday, September 14, 2015 through October 9, 2015.

For more information please visit: <http://mymetro/TD/Pages/LeadershipAcademy.aspx> or attend one of the following information sessions:

Information Sessions are open to all employees who would like to know more about Metro's Leadership Academy.

Information Session	Date and Time
Division 21 Gold Line - 1800 Baker Street, Los Angeles	September 16, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Rail Operations Control - 2000 Imperial Highway L.A.	September 17, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Bus Division 18 - 450 W. Griffith St., Carson	September 24, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Gateway Building – Plaza View - One Gateway Plaza L.A.	September 30, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Washington, D.C. Trip

This week, I was pleased to advance our agency's Board-approved Federal Legislative Program in Washington, D.C. On both Wednesday and Thursday, I held a series of meetings with key stakeholders at the White House and U.S. Congress who are addressing a number of important matters related to our Federal Legislative Program, including issues related to our New Starts program, TIGER grant requests, our Local Hire program, our interest in P3 initiatives and a national freight program, among other issues. Among those I met with were: U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Jerry E. Abramson, Congressman Bill Shuster (R-PA) – Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-OR) – Ranking member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation members – Congresswoman Judy Chu (D-CA), Congresswoman Janice Hahn (D-CA), Congressman Alan Lowenthal (D-CA), Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (D-CA), Congressman Brad Sherman (D-CA) and Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA). Lastly, I was also pleased to confer with senior officials at the Executive Office of the President – Office of Management and Budget – who are responsible for crafting the transportation section of the budget that is released annually by President Obama. I want to thank the Board for approving, earlier this year, a thoughtful Federal Legislative Program that includes a number of policy positions that make us a national model for how to address the mobility challenges facing our nation.

Metro Showcases Innovations to Chinese Delegation

On Thursday, a contingent from the Beijing Transport Energy and Environment Center visited our agency to learn about the innovative ideas we have implemented in the areas of emissions reduction, sustainable infrastructure, and energy management and resiliency. Chief Planning Officer Martha Welborne welcomed the delegation and talked about Metro's current and future projects; while Cris B. Liban, Executive Officer, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability discussed the technical aspects of some of Metro's innovations. Of specific interest to the Chinese delegation were the following:

- Upstream and downstream strategies to reduce tailpipe emissions from our revenue and non-revenue vehicles, especially engine retrofit and repowering and use of biomethane to further reduce the amount of smog-forming and greenhouse gasses our operations release to the atmosphere;
- Our efforts (and partnerships) to look for (and implement) new sources of renewable energy other than solar panels to meet our renewable energy goal by 2020;
- Strategies to generate and sell environmental commodities, then re-invest the proceeds into cost-saving and environmental commodities generating infrastructures while maintaining a state of good repair;
- Ownership, operation, and expansion of electric vehicle chargers strategically placed at outlying park and ride stations to encourage the use of the Metro system and reduce congestion near or at economic centers; and
- Requirement to use only the greenest construction equipment in all of our construction projects;

Our staff learned of the Chinese government's push for 50% zero emissions vehicles by 2017 (particularly electric powered) for all transit, personal cars, and trucks. We also learned of an idea to run electric trolley buses that use small batteries charged intermittently at road intersections. According to the delegation, one of their biggest challenges to date is to sustain the more than \$2B annual government subsidy just to maintain and operate their system.

The delegation also visited with the California Air Resources Board, Southern California Association of Governments, and UC Riverside to learn about state regulations, regional planning efforts and strategies, and air quality science, respectively. Their visit to Metro allowed for a better picture of the intersection of policy, science, and business through one of the most innovative transit systems in the world.

Torrance Transit Breaks Ground on Regional Transit Center

On Tuesday, Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins joined Torrance Mayor Patrick Furey, along with their City Council, other elected officials and representatives from Caltrans and the South Bay Council of Governments (COG) to break ground on the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal. The project will be a LEED-certified multimodal transit facility with eight bus bays and a park-and-ride lot. Approximately \$18.1 million or about 85% of the total funding was provided by Measure R; and to put this exciting project in context, in 2009, the Metro Board approved studying an extension of the Green Line to a new transit center in Torrance using the old Harbor Subdivision right-of-way. In a statement, Supervisor and Metro Director Don Knabe said that the project “will go a long way towards improving mobility and air quality by reducing single occupancy vehicle trips along the I-405 and I-110 corridors.”

For the full story as posted by The Source, please click [here](#).

A Day in the Life of a Rail Yard Supervisor - MEPA Mentees Experience AM Rollout at Division 20

On Tuesday, a group of participants in the Metro Emerging Professionals Association’s (MEPA) Pilot Mentorship Program woke up earlier than usual to experience the morning rollout at Division 20. The group first toured the maintenance area, seeing how heavy rail car trucks are assembled and maintained, and how the train wheels are ground to run smoothly along the tracks. Next, they saw where cars are washed. Finally, they went up into the tower to see how resources are allocated and assignments are given in real time to ensure that trains are on time in getting passengers where they need to go.

MEPA is a group of Metro employees invested in helping the agency fulfill its vision and mission. Its goals are to stimulate, invigorate and inspire emerging professionals; provide learning opportunities and resources to aid in the development of emerging professionals; enhance understanding of cultural and generational differences, and to create networking opportunities, encourage teamwork and build relationships within Metro. MEPAs areas of focus are relationship building, cross training, mentorship, future planning, and Metro unity.

I’d like to thank Mentors Steve Rank and Pat Astredo, along with Lisa Chew and Operator Michael Lau for teaming up with MEPA to expose this group to these critical elements of our business.

To join the Metro Emerging Professionals Association mailing list, or to find out more information, please email mepalosangeles@gmail.com.

Purple Line Extension – Section 2 RFP Launches Two New Initiatives: Mentor Protégé and DBE Tier Programs

On Monday, September 14, 2015, Metro will release the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) & Request for Proposal (RFP) to perform the final design and construction of the Purple Line Extension Project, Section 2. The RFP requires proposers, which have been pre-qualified in response to the RFQ phase, to submit proposals inclusive of an innovative DBE Contracting Outreach and Mentoring Plan (COMP) outlining their approach to provide business development opportunities through two new initiatives: Mentor Protégé and sized focused Tier Programs.

The RFP outlines minimum criteria for the Mentor Protégé Program emphasizing proposers’ creativity in providing business development assistance to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms in both design and construction phases of the project, including measurable plans to grow and build capacity. Proposers will also identify strategies to create DBE subcontracting opportunities, based on firm sizes/average annual gross receipts defined by tiered size dollar thresholds, that will further level

the playing field for DBEs to compete. Proposers are expected to develop and include subcontracting opportunities at those dollar threshold levels.

While there are specific components that are required to be included by Proposers in their proposals, Metro's guidelines are not restrictive by design. Metro is interested in seeing creative strategies and innovative, non-traditional approaches to include DBE's in all phases of subcontracting. The Proposers COMP approach will be evaluated as one element of the evaluation criteria in the RFP. Metro will also review and approve each COMP submittal for the awarded contract.

As we move into this next phase of small business development at Metro, I look forward to the exciting new ideas proposed by the contracting community. These new initiatives will also be rolled out on RFPs and IFBs greater than \$25 million.

Dodgers Metro Night – September 22, 2015

On Tuesday, September 22, starting at approximately 6:45 p.m., the Los Angeles Dodgers will recognize Metro's contributions to Los Angeles County during the inaugural "Los Angeles Dodgers Metro Night." Come out and show your Blue Pride as the Dodgers meet the Arizona Diamondbacks and race to win the National League West Division.

The Dodger Stadium Express is a joint demonstration project made possible by Clean Transportation Funding from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee and Metro ExpressLanes. By using the Stadium Express, you're helping to bring cleaner air to our community by reducing traffic in the LA area. Fans can connect with the Stadium Express at Union Station or at one of five transitway stations in the South Bay.

All TAP card holders can save on tickets for "Metro Night". For details, click [here](#).

Procurement Postings

Westside Purple Line Extension Section 2 Project – Design/Build – Request For Qualifications (RFQ) and Request For Proposal (RFP)

Metro will release a combined Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Request for Proposals (RFP) solicitation to perform the final design and construction of the Westside Purple Line Extension Project Section 2 – Design/Build. The RFQ/RFP procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, September 14, 2015 through December 2016.

The Project will extend the existing heavy rail subway Purple Line approximately 2.55 miles from the future terminus at Wilshire/La Cienega and will include two (2) new stations: Wilshire/Rodeo and Century City Constellation. The Section 2 alignment travels westerly beneath the City of Beverly Hills and Century City area of the City of Los Angeles.

Work under this contract will include, but is not limited to, furnishing all management, coordination, professional services, labor, equipment, materials and other services to perform the final design and construction of Tunnels, Stations, Trackwork, Utility Relocations and Systems.

The solicitation incorporates a new program intended to provide tiered small business subcontracting opportunities through a Mentor Protégé Program and a tiered subcontracting program. The project also seeks to maximize construction employment and training opportunities through Metro's Local Hire Initiative in conjunction with the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) and Construction Careers Policy (CCP) requirements.

Metro will award a Firm Fixed Price contract to the responsive and responsible Proposer offering a Proposal that is determined to provide Metro with the Best Value, based on the evaluation factors set

forth in the RFP.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the black-out period must be directed to and may only be answered by Kenneth Stewart, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7687 or at stewartk@metro.net.

Diesel Fuel Ultra – Low Sulfur (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Diesel Fuel Ultra-Low Sulfur. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, September 9, 2015 to Monday, November 30, 2015.

Diesel Fuel is required for the operation of Metro's fleet of non-revenue vehicles. Award of contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed price.

Any inquiries from the public concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Juelene Close, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1066.

P2000 Light Rail Vehicle Overhaul Program Consultant Support Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to solicit a technical consulting services firm to assist LACMTA staff to oversee the P2000 Light Rail Vehicle Overhaul Program. The overhaul program is designed to address the required vehicle upgrades and/or replacement of major systems and subsystems to improve the overall safety, availability, and reliability of 52 Light Rail Vehicles and to maintain their "State of Good Repair".

LACMTA's staff envisions that the primary role of the consultant is to provide support and assistance to LACMTA with skilled and qualified individuals to perform tasks as part of the design review, program management, inspection, and administration of the overhaul services to ensure that the work is completed in compliance with the Contract requirements and government regulations.

The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, September 11, 2015 through Friday, April 29, 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.

First/Last Mile Training and Demonstration Program (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure professional services for First/Last Mile Training and Demonstration Program. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, September 18, 2015 through Monday, December 14, 2015.

The purpose of the procurement is to develop training materials, facilitate training, develop case study sites, and provide feedback on ways to improve future training activities for first/last mile project and implementation strategy. The trainings are to culminate in a planning charrette for attendees, which shall include Los Angeles Subregional Councils of Government as well as Metro employees.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lily Lopez, Interim Contract Administrator Manager, at lopezlil@metro.net.

Construction Notices – Blue Line, Purple Line Extension, I-5

Metro Blue Line: Between Del Amo and Artesia Stations – Bus Shuttle Service Due to Track Maintenance

- Due to track rehabilitation, train service will be replaced by bus shuttles between Del Amo and Artesia Stations.
 - Bus shuttles will service customers between the two stations.
 - Beginning at 9:00 p.m. Friday, September 11, 2015 through Sunday, September 13, 2015, close of
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service.

Metro Purple Line Extension: Weekend Closures for Utility Relocation – Wilshire Boulevard and La Cienega Boulevard

•Due to utility relocation work, directional closures will occur for the next seven consecutive weekends on Wilshire Boulevard

between La Cienega Boulevard and San Vicente Boulevard.

•Closures begin Friday, September 11, 2015 at 10:00 p.m. through Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

•Closures reoccur Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 10:00 p.m. through Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All construction updates

“Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11.”
~President Barack Obama



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