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## **Metro Honored by the SCAQMD for its Pioneering Environmental Work**

Today, along with individuals and businesses, public agencies and others who are making significant contributions to cleaner air in the Southland, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) honored Metro for our pioneering on the ground environmental work to reduce air quality impacts. Our agency was independently nominated and was selected to receive the Model Community Achievement in SCAQMD’s 27th Annual Clean Air Awards Luncheon held at the Crystal Ballroom of the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

The award citation mentions our current efforts in constructing a continually expanding mass rapid transit system as well as the use of the nation’s largest fleet of more than 2,200 alternative fuel buses. Specifically, the citation further mentions our agency-wide Environmental Management System (EMS) that weaves sustainability principles, best practices, and performance metrics into our planning, construction, operation, and procurement activities throughout Metro’s major rail and bus facilities, managing areas of air quality, water, energy, and waste. Using the principles of the EMS, Metro developed a Green Construction Policy which U.S. EPA Region 9 has described as one of the most innovative market-based, non-regulatory mechanisms to reduce air quality impacts. Our Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Department (ECSD) oversees these two programs.

“Today we honor individuals and businesses, including a group of inspiring youths, for their innovation, passion and commitment to improving the air we all breathe,” said SCAQMD Governing Board Chairman William A. Burke, Ed.D. “I applaud this year’s winners on their dedication and efforts to bring about change to benefit air quality in the region.”

Program Management Executive Director Rick Clarke, Executive Officer for Environmental Compliance/Sustainability Cris B. Liban, and ECSD, Corporate Safety, and Office of CEO staff were on hand to receive the award for our agency. I am very proud of our staff’s achievements. This is a true reflection of our dedication to perform with “Excellence in Service and Support.”

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## **Metro Needs Your Twitter Vote**

Metro’s Wayside Flywheel technology has been recognized by Energy Storage North America (ESNA) for its excellence in energy storage. Why were we recognized? Because Metro is piloting a technology that takes energy from breaking trains, stores it, and then uses it to help trains accelerate. Metro is 1 of 9 finalists, but we need your tweet power to help accelerate our victory. Please re-tweet

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(RT) our post [here](#) or tweet [this message](#) to your followers. Voting ends 11:59 p.m. PDT tonight so please tweet now. And tell your friends!

For more info on the project as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).

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### **City Rolls Out 15 New Bus Stops**

On Wednesday, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Great Streets Studio debuted smart bench and bus shelter technologies on South Los Angeles' historic Central Avenue at 43<sup>rd</sup> Street. The smart shelters provide shade and LED lighting, real time bus arrival information, a USB port for recharging, and are equipped with "beacon" technology. The smart benches provide solar powered USB charging ports. This installation is the first of 15 planned across the city with the goal of making streets more user-friendly. I commend Mayor Garcetti, his Great Streets Initiative, and partners Outfront/JCDecaux and Soofa for leveraging technology and innovation to make our great neighborhoods more livable, accessible and engaging.

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### **LA Metro, NYMTA and Mets Police "Feud" over Baseball on Twitter**

In anticipation of the first round of the National League Division Series featuring the Dodgers and the Mets, LA Metro took to social media to incite a little bit of friendly competition. What ensued took social media by storm (MetroLosAngeles was trending on Twitter!), caught the attention of national media, and likely raised the profile of the role of transit in getting fans to and from the stadiums. Please click [here](#) to enjoy the following write up from the LA Weekly for a little Friday fun. Go Dodgers!

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### **Metro to Host Emergency Security Operations Center Open House on Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

Metro is proposing to build a new Emergency Security Operations Center (ESOC) facility at 410 Center Street in the City of Los Angeles' Arts District, and is seeking input from stakeholders and the community at an open house on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. The Temple is located at 815 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Los Angeles and the open house will take place in Lotus Room A.

The new ESOC facility would be approximately 4-stories tall and 100,000 square feet in size with one level of subterranean parking. It is anticipated to be at least LEED-silver, and would serve as the central location for Metro security and emergency coordination. For more information and contact information, please click [here](#).

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### **Metro Launches New Series of Spanish-language Art & Architecture Tours Union Station**

In Metro's ongoing effort to attract new customers to transit, and in response to the popularity of its Union Station art and architecture tours, we are offering the first in a series of free Spanish-language tours of the station beginning on Saturday, October 10. Led by trained Metro Art Docents, this new offering covers Union Station art, architecture and spaces not generally open to the public, including the Historic Ticketing Hall and former Fred Harvey restaurant. Additionally, the tour explores artworks located in the Gold Line portal and inside the Metro Headquarters Building. For the complete story as posted on The Source, please click [here](#), and on El Pasajero, click [here](#).

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## Fill Your Passenger Seat During Rideshare Week

Sunday, October 4, through Saturday, October 10, is Rideshare Week, and this year Metro Rideshare is offering countywide events in support of the mission to encourage multi-modal travel. This year offers a special program with prize giveaways, community events, and online discussions. In support of Rideshare Week, we encourage you to take advantage of a carpool lane, or a chance to catch up with a coworker. The California Air Resources board has pegged transportation as the largest contributor of all Greenhouse Gas production in California, with 71% of those emissions coming from passenger vehicles and 72% of Angelenos driving alone. For more information on ridesharing including a commute cost calculator and ride matching service, as well as information on the week of great events, please visit [metro.net/rideshare](http://metro.net/rideshare).

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

Purple Line Extension Section I: Storm Drain Relocation – Wilshire Boulevard and La Brea Avenue Area

- Design-builder will temporarily realign the storm drain located at Orange Drive.
- Work will consist of asphalt removal, excavation, shoring, and installation of PVC storm drain pipe.
- Work will begin Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., and will continue daily Sunday through Thursday until Friday, October 23, 2015.

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

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*“The most effective way to do it, is to do it.”  
~Amelia Earhart*

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