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President Obama Signs Long-Term Surface Transportation Authorization Bill into Law

Earlier today, President Obama signed into law the long-term surface transportation authorization bill recently passed by Congress - Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). Yesterday, both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate overwhelmingly passed the new transportation law. The bill authorizes approximately \$305 billion for Highway, Transit and Railroad programs over 5 years (\$61 billion per year). Passage of the FAST Act by Congress ends a long running saga of repeated extensions to the current surface transportation authorization law – MAP-21. Many of the priorities outlined in our Board-approved Federal Legislative program are addressed in the FAST Act.

For a statement issued by the White House on passage of the FAST Act, please click [here](#).

Metro Earns Rosa Parks Diversity Award, Reflects on her Courageous Actions

Last night, Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins traveled to the Disney Grand Californian Hotel in Anaheim to accept a tremendous honor on behalf of our organization. We are extremely proud, just days after the 60th anniversary of Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat -- an action which launched a bus boycott in Montgomery which helped end segregation in the American South -- to receive the Rosa Parks Diversity Award from the Orange County chapter of Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS-OC). At Metro, we have zero tolerance for discrimination, we believe that there is strength in diversity, and we understand that nature demands diversity. We also understand that in order to be the best, we must provide excellence in service and support to all, not some, of our customers. We must understand the communities we serve and recognize that losing a customer costs us dearly.

As Stephanie remarked in her acceptance of this award, transportation is a civil right, and civil rights are no less important nor relevant an issue today than they were in 1955 when Ms. Parks sought to improve transportation as a means to reflect and change societies' greater injustices. She wasn't just fighting for better conditions on the bus; she was fighting for a better world.

In accepting this award and by seeking to become the best and most flexible transportation agency in the world, we hope to honor Ms. Parks' legacy and make this world a better place for all.

Metro's Business Interruption Fund Awards First Little Tokyo Businesses

Metro's Business Interruption Fund (BIF), authorized by Metro Board of Directors, continues to successfully provide financial assistance to "mom and pop" businesses directly impacted by transit rail construction along the Crenshaw/LAX transit line, the Little Tokyo community impacted by the Regional Connector, and along Phase I of the Purple Line Extension. The BIF reached another program achievement by awarding BIF grants to the first two small businesses in the Little Tokyo area directly impacted by the Regional Connector transit rail project. BIF grants have been awarded to a family owned and operated Quizno's franchise and Chado Tea Room located next to the Japanese American National Museum.

Keeping to Metro's goal of ensuring "mom and pop" businesses continue to thrive throughout construction and post construction, Metro staff and the BIF fund administrator, Pacific Coast Regional Small Business Development Corporation (PCR), continue to advance outreach efforts to reach the "mom and pop" businesses directly impacted by Metro's transit rail construction. The BIF is a demonstration of our commitment to small businesses and communities. A spotlight on each business is forthcoming on The Source and a formal check presentation event will be hosted soon.

Green Bowl2Go Serves Union Station East

Green Bowl2Go is an eatery specializing in fresh-to-go salads and wraps located in Union Station East. The booth is a welcome addition to the current offerings at Union Station. Green Bowl 2go's menu features a variety of locally sourced produce, healthy proteins, toppings and dressings and can be customized to suit a variety of tastes. Metro employees can receive a 10% discount on their purchase by showing their employee badge.

Procurement Postings

120kW Portable Diesel Generators (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure 120kw Portable Diesel Generators. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, December 8, 2015 through Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

This procurement is for the purchase of two (2) 120kW Portable Diesel Generators to replace portable generators that have exceeded their useful life.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Greg Baker, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7577.

Plug-in Electric Vehicle Charging Station Expansion (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for firms to provide purchasing support, installation, commissioning services, and back-office and customer support for Metro's EVSE network. Metro is looking to secure the services of an electric vehicle charging station supplier for the purchase and installation and commissioning of twenty (20) Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. The selected firm shall purchase the charging stations and all related materials, install, commission, and provide back-office and customer support for Metro's EVSE network, and hold insurance. Metro proposes for these charging stations to be installed at six (6) potential Metro park and ride locations: Union Station, Redondo Beach, Norwalk, Canoga, Chatsworth, and La Cienega /Jefferson. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, December 16, 2015 through Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Daniel A. Robb, Designated Consultant, Contracts at (213) 922-1304.

Hybrid Sedans (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Hybrid Sedans. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, December 7, 2015 through Wednesday, February

17, 2016.

This procurement is for the purchase of eleven (11) Hybrid Sedans for the expansion of vehicles in the current fleet to support rail operations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Greg Baker, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7577.

Purple Line Extension Section 2 Project Design/Build (RFQ/RFP)

Metro released a Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposals (RFQ/RFP) on Monday, September 14, 2015. The Design/Build Project is for construction of a heavy rail transit subway extension of the existing Purple Line. 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.

Metro is using a two-step process to select a Contractor for the design build delivery of the Project. The first step sought Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) that Metro received to its Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on Friday, October 30, 2015.

The firms meeting the minimum requirements as a result of the first step are:

- Walsh Construction Company II, LLC and Strabag Corporation, (Walsh-Strabag Joint Venture)
- SkanskaUSA Civil West California District Inc. and Obayashi Corporation (Skanska-Obayashi Joint Venture)
- Tutor Perini Corporation and O & G Industries, Inc. (Tutor Perini/O&G, a Joint Venture)

The SOQ in step one is only an initial evaluation of qualifications that does not consider the same criteria and factors set forth in the RFP.

As a reminder, the procurement black-out period continues on this two-step (RFQ/RFP) solicitation. Any inquiries concerning this procurement during the black-out period must be directed to and may only be answered by Kenneth Stewart, Director of Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7687 or at stewartk@metro.net.

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Metro Blue Line: Bus Shuttles Replace Rail Service – South of Willow Street Station

- In preparation for winter rain, the City of Long Beach will be trimming trees adjacent to Blue Line Stations
- Metro bus shuttles will replace Blue Line rail service between Willow Street and Downtown Long Beach Stations
- Station closures and bus shuttle service will be in effect from open to close of service, Sunday, December 6, 2015.

Universal Pedestrian Bridge Project -- Full Closure of Lankershim Boulevard

- Late night work on the Universal Pedestrian Bridge Project continues this week as construction crews assemble the large major steel sections of the bridge
- This activity involves the full closure of Lankershim Boulevard at Universal Drive, and NB 101 Freeway off-ramps, late nights only (time varies). The work on this phase started Monday, November 30, 2015 and continues through Monday, December 7, 2015.
- Please click [here](#) for the official construction notice and [here](#) for a detailed closure map.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All construction updates

*“We inhabit a universe that is characterized by diversity.”
~Desmond Tutu*



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