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Happy Holidays: Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy Kwanzaa

As the holidays bring us together, they remind us of the importance of the work we do here. As I count my blessings around this time of year, I am always reminded why the work we do in transportation is so important. Every person we deliver safely to their destination, every life that has more freedom as a result of transportation choices, every community that sees greater investment, is enriched by what we do. This time of year gives me great hope that Los Angeles County can reach its fullest potential with the world's greatest transportation leading its transformation, and that its people can know a greater quality of life and the happiness we hold up during the holidays every day.

Metro Hosts State Senator Ben Allen

On Wednesday, Metro hosted State Senator Ben Allen for a briefing. Senator Allen represents the 26th Senate District, which includes Westside and South Bay cities, from Pacific Palisades to the Palos Verdes Peninsula and from Venice to Hollywood.

The briefing covered a wide range of issues, including the long range transportation plan, the potential ballot measure, projects in the Senator's district and state funding issues. Senator Allen is a member of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee and has been a strong supporter of funding for public transit.

Metro Learns More about Kwanzaa, Celebrates its Values

On Tuesday, I participated in a Kwanzaa celebration and visited the Kwanzaa display on the Plaza Level of Metro Headquarters. Kwanzaa is an African American and Pan-African holiday created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga. It was created in Los Angeles County and its origins are in the first harvest celebrations of Africa. This celebration of family, community and culture was created to reaffirm and restore African American rootedness in African culture, reaffirm common identity, purpose and direction, and reinforce the bonds between people; along those same lines, it is important to note that it is available to all faiths.

Thank you to the African American Employees Association and supporting departments for bringing this joyous celebration and the values it upholds to Metro.

Metro Connects with The Bloc

Construction began on The Bloc / Metro Connection project this week. Once completed, it will provide an additional entrance to the 7th Street Metro Center Station from the new Macy's Plaza mall, now being renovated by The Ratkovich Company and rebranded as The Bloc. It will be the first time Metro is connecting directly from a subway station to a private development. It will increase connectivity and access for Metro patrons, provide more visibility of the Metro system to potential new riders, and create an integrated, seamless urban experience for Angelenos taking transit. Construction completion is anticipated for next summer. This project was led by Countywide Planning & Development and was a joint effort with Engineering & Construction and County Counsel. For photos of the construction, please click [here](#) and [here](#).

MEPA Sneak Previews Division 13

Last Friday, the Metro Emerging Professionals Association (MEPA) arranged an exclusive tour of Division 13, a new, world class transportation and maintenance facility in downtown Los Angeles across the street from Metro Headquarters and the Central Maintenance Facility. Division 13, which opens in February, earns a LEED Gold certification and is the most sustainable facility of its kind in the nation. Landmark features of its sustainable design include beautiful natural light sources, a green roof, solar paneling, and a bus wash that captures storm water to wash the buses and recycles the wash water so that water used to wash buses is maximized.

Thank you to MEPA for their interest in exploring this project and to Tim Lindholm, Executive Officer of Facilities Engineering, for leading this tour of a building he worked on from day one. For photos of the tour, please click [here](#) and [here](#).

Procurement Postings

Installation of video screens and equipment at Bob Hope Airport (RFP) Small Business Prime
Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the installation of video screens and equipment at Bob Hope Airport. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, December 28, 2015 through Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

Metro is seeking professional services to install video screens and associated equipment with remote connects to Metro at a minimum of four different locations at the Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, California.

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.

Prime Emergency Supplies (IFB) Small Business Prime
Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure goods. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, December 28, 2015 through Monday, February 1, 2016.

In preparation for a natural disaster/emergency, Metro is seeking to purchase emergency supplies for use by its employees during a disaster response and recovery effort.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Victor Zepeda, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1458.

Metro Mariachi Plaza Station/Fabrication and Installation of Art Panels (RFP)
Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Metro Mariachi Plaza Station/Fabrication and

Installation of Art Panels. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, January 4, 2016 through Thursday, March 31, 2016.

Metro is seeking professional services to Fabrication and Installation of Art Panels at Metro Mariachi Plaza Station.

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.

Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor Project Alternative Analysis (RFP) Small Business Prime
Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services for the Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor Project Alternative Analysis (Segment B). **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, December 29, 2015 through Monday, April 11, 2016.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified firm to develop an alternative analysis and identification of a preferred alternative route for the Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor Project (Segment B) which begins east of the Metro Blue Line Slauson Station at South Santa Fe Avenue with targeted connectivity to the Los Angeles River.

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

Slow Speed Lane Network Strategic Plan for South Bay (RFP) Small Business Prime
Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services for a strategic plan for a backbone network for "slow speed" vehicles that will connect the South Bay. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, December 30, 2015 through Monday, March 14, 2016.

The purpose of the procurement is to produce a strategic plan for the identification and development of a roadway network for slow speed vehicles; provide a replicable demonstration of key strategies included in the Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy (CSPP); and develop and test methods for project evaluation based on performance measures identified in the CSPP.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sonja Gettel, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7558.

Construction Notices – Gold Line Foothill Extension, I-5

Metro Gold Line: Train Testing Activities this Weekend – Between Sierra Madre Villa and APU/Citrus College

- As part of train testing for the Gold Line Foothill Extension, Metro will be running trains on the Foothill Gold Line during the daytime hours between the Sierra Madre Villa and APU/Citrus College Stations
- Train testing activities will be occurring throughout the day and night, Sundays through Thursdays
- Metro will have their Ambassadors at various street crossings to educate the community on how to stay safe around trains.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All construction updates

“It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.”
~Agnes M. Pharo



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