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Wishing You a Happy and Safe New Year!

As we wrap up this exciting year, I am grateful to all who made my transition to Los Angeles smooth and welcomed me to lead a team on the cusp of the unprecedented. I believe that next year will be the most exciting and inspiring year in the history of Metro, and I believe that all of Los Angeles County will be able to see the difference.

Thank you for the work you do, past, present and future. I wish each and every one of you a safe, happy and fulfilling start to 2016.

Metro Mourns the Loss of Willie Toy

On Monday morning, a tragic accident claimed the life of Mr. Willie Toy, a 15 year employee and Custodian Lead. Mr. Toy was on duty when his Metro van was struck while traveling between Metro Red Line stations at the intersection of Hollywood and Gower. During this time of great loss, my deepest condolences are with his family and friends. I ask that you join me in keeping Mr. Toy's loved ones in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time.

Metro is in the process of working with Mr. Toy's family to establish a Memorial Fund for the family and as stated earlier, we will act in accordance with the family's wishes with regard to sharing information on memorial services and other details.

Go Metro to the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game

On Monday, Metro Board Members Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker and Supervisor Michael Antonovich, and Metro Chief Operations Officer Jim Gallagher joined the 2016 Rose Queen and her Royal Court at the Del Mar Station in Pasadena for a press event promoting Going Metro to the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game. The Rose Queen and her court rode the Gold Line to Sierra Madre Villa Station greeting passengers, delivering Rose stickers, and reminding riders that going Metro is the best way to reach Pasadena. The event also served as an opportunity to promote the grand opening of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension on March 5, 2016 along with executives from the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority.

This year's Rose Bowl Game will feature the Stanford Cardinals taking on the Iowa Hawkeyes and is

accessible by taking the Gold Line to Memorial Park Station and connecting with the free, nearby shuttle. Additionally, Metro will provide connecting shuttle bus service to the post-parade float viewing event at Victory Park from Sierra Madre Villa Station.

On New Year's Day, Metro Rail will run enhanced service with additional Metro and law enforcement personnel to ensure customers comfortably board trains, properly load and validate TAP cards, and have a safe and reliable journey.

Go Metro to Grand Park + The Music Center's N.Y.E.L.A. Countdown Event on December 31

Welcome 2016 with friends, neighbors, and those cousins from out-of-town at the West Coast flagship New Year's Eve countdown. In a continued effort to build ridership, Metro has partnered with Grand Park and The Music Center to promote the use of public transportation on New Year's Eve. Metro and law enforcement personnel will provide passenger support at strategic Metro Rail stations. As a Destination Discounts partner, customers who show their TAP card or Metro employee ID at an N.Y.E.L.A. info table will receive a free glow necklace.

On New Year's Eve, Metro Rail plus the 910 Silver and Orange Lines will run 24-hour overnight service, and all Metro lines will offer free fares on New Year's Eve from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.

For more information, visit metro.net/grandpark or read about it on [The Source](#).

'Metro in the Community' has a Stellar 2015

As we close out the year, I would like to thank the many members of the Metro family who have volunteered their time to represent the agency in the community. During 2015, our "Metro in the Community" program reached 425,000 people at events big and small in every part of Los Angeles County. On their own time, these Metro employees and their families promoted the agency and our messages at 150 events including fairs, festivals, municipal and business activities, cultural celebrations and school events. Some of the public functions in which they participated included CicLAvia events, the ADA 25th Anniversary, LA Clippers Fanfest, Abilities Expo, Thai New Year Festival, Christopher Street West Parade, the LA Times Festival of Books, Arcadia Salute to Veterans and Families, Care Harbor, Brazos Abiertos, and more. I would like to encourage more members of the Metro family to consider representing the agency with this valuable community outreach program. For more information, look for "Metro in the Community" on the intranet and on metro.net, or call 213-922-3049 or email mv@metro.net.

Year in Review 2015: A Year of Accomplishment and Anticipation

2015 was a busy year here at Metro. As the third largest transportation agency in the nation, Metro is responsible for transporting millions of passengers safely and efficiently to their destinations every day. On top of that key responsibility, we are now managing one of the largest public works projects in the nation with three major rail lines currently being constructed and another two rail extensions near opening. Our eyes are also on the horizon, looking ahead to plan and seek out funding for long-term solutions in order to continue building the best, most innovative and customer-focused transportation system in the world.

Carrying forward on the progress we've made in 2015, anticipation is extraordinarily high for 2016. There will be two new rail extension openings resulting in 18 more miles of rail, construction on Metro's three major rail projects are expected to continue and intensify, and the agency will potentially seek out funding for additional projects from multiple sources.

The Source has posted a summary in photos and stories of our accomplishments in the past year, as well as a look ahead to the exciting things to come in the new year – take a look, [here](#).

Procurement Postings

Hollywood/Vine Metro Bike Hub (IFB) Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a contractor to provide a secure-access, group bicycle parking facility in an existing store front space at the Hollywood/Vine Red Line Metro Station. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, January 5, 2016 through Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

The new Metro Bike Hub facility includes bicycle racks to accommodate 50 or more park bicycles, retail space for bike commuter support, an access controlled door system, and security features.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Dianne Sirisut, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2737.

Rail to River Intermediate Active Transportation Corridor Project Public Outreach (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services for the Rail to River Intermediate Active Transportation Corridor Project Public Outreach. **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 Friday, April 8, 2016.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified firm to provide outreach support of the development for the Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor Project. The Contractor shall provide a public participation plan appropriately tailored to the general public including the development of a bilingual outreach program (English/Spanish anticipated), as needed to facilitate comprehensive public outreach for both Segments A (6.4 mile section of Metro owned right-of-way at the Crenshaw/LAX Fairview Heights Station) and B (east of the Metro Blue Line Slauson Station at South Santa Fe Avenue).

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.

Construction Notices – Regional Connector, I-5

Regional Connector Transit Project: Three Month Closure of Little Tokyo/Arts District Station

- Major track relocation and tunneling work is scheduled to begin next week Friday, January 8, 2016.
- Work will consist of moving Gold Line tracks from the middle of 1st Street to the north side of the street to begin building the new tunnel entrance in the middle of 1st Street.
- From Friday, January 8, 2016 at 9:00 p.m. through March 2016, bus shuttles will replace Gold Line rail service between Union Station and Pico/Aliso Stations.

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

*“The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written.
We can help write that story by setting goals.”
~Melody Beattie*



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