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Willie Toy Memorial Fund

Last week, I informed you of the passing of a Metro family member, Mr. Willie Toy, Lead Custodian, whose life was claimed in a tragic accident. I have been touched by the outpouring of sympathy and the interest expressed by many employees in making a contribution to the family.

Metro staff met with Mr. Toy's family to set up the Willie Toy Memorial Fund at Metro's Credit Union. All money donated to the fund will go directly to the family.

Employees wishing to contribute to the Memorial Fund may do so by writing a check payable to the Willie Toy Memorial Fund and noting "member no. 40114533" on the memo line. Employees may send the checks to the Credit Union several ways:

- Via inter-departmental mail: place the check in a sealed envelope that is placed inside an inter-departmental envelope.
Address to Northrup Grumman FCU, Mail Stop 99PL3
 - By U.S. mail: Address to Northrup Grumman FCU, 1 Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012
 - Drop off: Employees may drop a check off at the Credit Union located on the Plaza level of the Metro Headquarters building
- The Credit Union will also accept cash contributions if dropped off in person
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Closure of Little Tokyo/Arts District Station Begins

Today, January 8, 2016, the Metro Gold Line Little Tokyo/Arts District Station will be closed in order to relocate existing tracks as part of construction for the Regional Connector Transit Project. The station will be closed through Sunday, March 21, 2016 or completion of track relocation. Additionally, 1st Street will be intermittently closed from Central Avenue to Vignes Street and there will be lane reductions on Alameda Street through Summer 2016. The Gold Line tracks are being moved from the center of 1st Street to the north side of the street in order to start tunnel construction and perform utility relocation.

During the closure, the free Gold Line Bus Shuttle will be available to pick up and drop off riders between Union Station, Little Tokyo/Arts District and Pico/Aliso stations. Shuttles will operate every six minutes during weekday peak periods and every 10-12 minutes midday, evening, nights and weekends.

Remember, Little Tokyo is open for business! To ease the impact during the track relocation work, Metro is also offering two hours of free parking at three designated parking lots through the Little Tokyo Parking Validation Program and a free Little Tokyo/Arts District Shuttle which will circulate every 15 minutes through the neighborhood. The stops are near or adjacent to the designated parking lots.

Planning Ahead at the SCAG Economic Summit

Yesterday, I participated in the Southern California Association of Governments' Sixth Annual Economic Summit at the L.A. Hotel downtown. Specifically, our panel was on the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy: A Plan for Transportation & The Economy. I was glad to share my vision for Metro in the context of a plan which includes \$500 Billion in transportation investment and land use strategies to reduce congestion, improve air quality and increase mobility and accessibility throughout Southern California. The panel was moderated by Frank Mottek of KNX 1070 NEWSRADIO, and joining me on the panel were Cecilia Estolano, Vice President of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, Eric Sauer, Vice President of Policy and Government Relations for the California Trucking Association, and Phyllis Tuchmann, Executive Director of the Urban Land Institute Orange County/ Inland Empire. Also in attendance was Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Michael Antonovich, City of Duarte Councilmember and Metro Vice Chair John Fasana, and Metro Board Member Carrie Bowen.

Meeting with Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation

Yesterday morning, I had the opportunity to meet with Executive Committee Board Members from the Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation at College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita. The area encompasses the City of Santa Clarita and its various communities and districts, and seven other unincorporated adjacent communities. I presented an overview of our potential ballot measure process and discussed the various transportation interests within the Santa Clarita Valley. The group was very appreciative of the information and has expressed interest in staying engaged as the process evolves.

Metro Construction Relations: Leveraging Social Media to Mitigate the Impacts of Construction

Recently, Orange County Transportation Authority's Capital Projects Outreach Section reached out to Metro's Construction Relations team to discuss their experience and rollout of Waze as a construction mitigation tool. Waze is a community-based traffic and navigation application that is used by Metro's Construction Relations Team to communicate construction activity and inform surrounding neighborhoods to the location of stations currently under construction. The Crenshaw/LAX, Purple Line Extension, and the Regional Connector transit projects currently post construction information on Waze. The projects also make use of Waze advertising, securing over 248,000 new advertising views (reach) in the month of December. Metro is a long-time member of the Connected Citizens program, and has been participating in the information sharing program with other cities, such as Rio de Janeiro, Boston, Jakarta, Florida, Mexico City, and many more.

Metro Gold Line Shines on New Year's Day in Pasadena

On New Year's Day, thousands of customers rode the Metro Gold Line early in the morning to see the Rose Parade and later in the day to attend the Rose Bowl Game. Metro and LASD were prepared for the increase in crowds with added train capacity, station staffing to expedite boardings, and law enforcement presence to keep our system safe.

Preliminary TAP data indicates nearly 40,000 Gold Line entries on New Year's Day, which is three times greater than the Sunday/Holiday ridership average in the previous month. Station entries within the City of Pasadena at Del Mar, Memorial Park, Lake, Allen and Sierra Madre Villa saw a combined increase of over 350%, producing half of the entire Gold Line's ridership that day.

A special thanks to staff from Operations, TAP/Revenue, law enforcement and others who worked on New Year's Day to ensure excellent service and support for thousands of visiting customers.

Beneficiary Designation Reminder

Metro Family,

I would like to remind you all to make sure that your Beneficiary Designation is set and up to date. This is a very important step you can take in ensuring that you and yours remain prepared. Please click [here](#) or access the forms through the pension and benefits intranet page to set or update your beneficiary designation, and ensure that it remains up to date. Once you have filled out your form, please return the original to the benefits department, 99-21-7.

Procurement Postings

Safety Glasses and Respirators (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure various gas sensors. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, January 14, 2016 through Thursday, March 31, 2016.

This procurement is for the purchase of Safety Glasses and Respirators for all Metro employees who work in safety sensitive areas of the agency.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1018.

Union Station Master Plan Sustainability Strategic Plan (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure services for a strategic funding and implementation plan to advance the implementation of the Union Station Master Plan. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, January 13, 2016 through Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

The purpose of the procurement is to develop a near-to-long term strategic funding and implementation plan to pursue funding sources and partnerships that are tied to sustainability and climate action and ultimately advance the implementation of the Union Station Master Plan.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ana Rodriguez, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1076.

4X4 Super-Duty Trucks with Hi-Rail Gear (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure 4X4 Super-Duty Trucks. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, January 12, 2016 through Thursday, March 31, 2016.

This procurement is for the purchase of six (6) 4X4 super-duty pickup trucks equipped with hi-rail gear for the expansion of vehicles in the current fleet to support rail operations on the Gold and Expo Metro lines.

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.

Heavy-Duty Tractor (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a Heavy-Duty Tractor. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, January 12, 2016 through Thursday, April 21, 2016.

This procurement is for the purchase of one (1) Heavy-Duty Tractor to transport rail equipment and support rail grinding 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.

Regional Grants Management System and Organization Project (RFP) Small Business Prime
Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services for the Regional Grants Management System and Organization project. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, January 11, 2016 through Friday, March 11, 2016.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified firm to provide technical services to develop a new grants management system with database, tracking and reporting functions and improvements to the existing system.

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.

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~Tom Peters*



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