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Reflections on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Today would have been Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 87th birthday. This Monday, King's namesake holiday, many of us will take the opportunity to celebrate his legacy by giving back to and engaging with our communities. Dr. King's incredible leadership and vision, put towards messages of peace, love, equality and merit are a gift to anyone wishing to make a positive difference in the world. As we acknowledge his impact today, Monday and every day, I ask each of us how we can uphold his example and his values in pursuit of our purpose, so that we can grow individually and together.

Farewell and Good Luck Martha Welborne

On Thursday evening, members of Metro family and Los Angeles planning, development and transportation communities joined the Welborne's in the Union Station Fred Harvey Room to wish Martha farewell and good luck as she takes a new position as Senior Vice President, Real Estate & Global Facilities for the Walt Disney Company. During her time as Chief Planning Officer, Metro embarked on some of the most high profile and visionary projects Los Angeles has ever seen. Among other things, Martha oversaw teams working on multi-modal program/project development and technical analysis, regional grants, joint development and real estate, and long range planning. While advancing projects, Martha also ensured that those projects fit together and represented Metro in function and style. Her fingerprints are all over this county and we wish her the best.

Traffic Relief a Priority for the LA Area Chamber of Commerce

On Thursday, I gave a keynote presentation at the first Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting of the new year. I explained where we are with getting input, evaluating, designing, communicating and educating stakeholder groups and voters on a potential ballot measure for November 2016. The crux of that conversation was that Los Angeles needs the positive economic impact realized by building world class infrastructure and providing traffic relief instead of the lost economic opportunities that come with being stuck in traffic. In addition, I provided an update on the Gold Line Foothill Extension and Expo Phase II openings and laid out the fundamentals of a balanced transportation finance strategy with local, federal and private sector investment.

We Are a Service Business: Stay Sharp

I would like to send a friendly reminder to the Metro family that we are a service business and that an essential element of our jobs is to attract a customer to our system and this is strongly related to our appearance as we represent the agency. From Gateway to Divisions and everywhere in between, each of us not only have a specific job to do to make the agency whole, but we have a uniform and an appearance that we must maintain as visible and respectful public servants. As we continue working towards becoming the greatest transportation agency in the world, our appearance and presentation is very important. Whether sitting in a meeting, assisting a customer at a TVM or operating a bus, our uniform plays a role in our vital first and continued impression. Please make yourself sharp, presentable and approachable while representing this incredible family.

Celebrate and Honor Civil Rights and Dr. King at the Kingdom Day Parade

This coming Monday, Metro will join Los Angeles area residents and over 2 million television viewers (KABC-7) in celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.'s remarkable legacy at the 31st annual Kingdom Day Parade. The parade will travel along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard to the historic Leimert Park. Metro Board Director Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker along with students and choir members from Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School (one of the oldest predominantly African American Catholic schools in the region) will ride in the parade on a vintage 1950s replica of the bus where Rosa Parks sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott by refusing to give up her seat. This Metro parade entry is a symbol of the role of transit in the civil rights movement and in civil rights today.

To Go Metro to the best parade viewing, attendees should exit the Metro Expo Line at the Expo Park/USC station and walk south through Exposition Park to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard or transfer to Metro Local 210 to 39th and Crenshaw Boulevard. To accommodate the parade, there will be bus service detours in effect.

Business Interruption Fund (BIF) Workshop Series

Metro is kicking off the winter 2016 Business Interruption Fund (BIF) workshop series in the Little Tokyo area of the Regional Connector Transit Project on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at Metro's Regional Connector Community Office. This workshop will be followed by additional workshops through March 2016 along the Regional Connector, Purple Line Extension, Phase I and Crenshaw/LAX transit rail corridors. Metro's BIF, authorized by Metro Board of Directors, provides financial assistance to "mom and pop" businesses directly impacted by transit rail construction along the Crenshaw/LAX transit line, the Little Tokyo area and 2nd/Broadway segment of the Regional Connector, and Phase I of the Purple Line Extension. The BIF Workshop provides directly impacted small businesses an opportunity to learn about Metro's BIF and receive information first-hand from Metro and the BIF fund administrator, Pacific Coast Regional Small Business Development Corporation (PCR). The winter 2016 workshop schedule can be viewed [here](#).

Procurement Postings

Hoist Replacement at Divisions 8 and 18 (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Hoist Replacement at Divisions 8 and 18 per specifications on file at the Office of Procurement, 1 Gateway Plaza (9th Floor), Los Angeles, CA 90012. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, January 15, 2016 through Thursday, April 7, 2016.

Metro is seeking a contractor to provide the necessary labor, tools, material, equipment, transportation and related incidental costs to remove and replace the bus hoists at Divisions 8 and 18.

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.

Business Intelligent (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure technical consultation services for Metro Business Intelligent (BI) project. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Business only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, January 19, 2016 through Friday, April 29, 2016.

Metro is seeking services from an experienced and qualified Information Technology firm to provide resources in the areas of BI/Dashboard technology planning, designs, data management and program administration.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Mark Lu, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4689.

LED Lighting and Lamps (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure LED Lamps and Lighting for Metro Red Line. 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 various Holophane PMLED, Allied, or equal light fixtures and lamps.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aryani L. Guzman, Contract Administration at (213) 922-1387.

Construction Notices – Gold Line, I-5

Closure of Little Tokyo/Arts District Station: 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. 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.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All construction updates

*“The time is always right to do what is right.”
~Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



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