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They Count: Metro Participates in Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

Last night, teams of Metro volunteers deployed across the entire Red and Purple Lines and a portion of the Gold Line to join in the 2016 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count organized by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Accurate, timely data on our LA County homeless population and where they live is a critical tool to help secure and direct resources where they are most needed. I want to thank those who took time out of their evenings to pioneer these community service efforts for our agency as we commit to an ongoing partnership with LAHSA.

Also, on Wednesday night, I joined United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert McDonald, LA City Councilmember and Metro Board Member Mike Bonin, Metro Chief Communications Officer Pauletta Tonilas and LAHSA representatives to count those experiencing homelessness in the Venice Beach community. I would like to thank the Secretary for inviting me to join him in this count, Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Sheila Kuehl for spearheading the Metro efforts and partnership with LAHSA, and LAHSA for bringing together leaders, residents, and stakeholders to help raise awareness and create pathways for involvement in the homeless efforts.

Introducing the Leadership Academy's First Class

We are building an exciting and human capital centered culture at Metro; one that engages employees, embraces learning and consistently demonstrates respect and inclusion. Metro is partnering with USC to start our Leadership Academy, which will give 40 participants the framework and tools to understand their personal leadership style and the changing environment within our industry. Yesterday, at our January Regular Board Meeting, I was proud to introduce the first class of this new Leadership Academy.

For a roster of this year's class, please [click here](#).

Congressman Earl Blumenauer Visits Metro

On Tuesday, I was pleased to host Congressman Earl Blumenauer from Oregon at Metro Headquarters. The Congressman is a frequent visitor to Los Angeles and is always impressed with

our multi-modal efforts to improve mobility in Los Angeles County. Congressman Blumenauer co-chairs the Congressional Bike Caucus and recently introduced the *Bikeshare Transit Act* which clarifies that bikeshare projects are eligible for federal funding and defines bikeshare in federal transportation law. I look forward to keeping the lines of communication open with the Congressman as he continues to lead efforts in multi-modal transportation.

Metro Well Represented at VerdeXchange

On Monday and Tuesday, I joined over 700 delegates gathering in Los Angeles, including Metro Board Chair and LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Second Vice Chair and Mayor Eric Garcetti, Metro Board Member and Inglewood Mayor James Butts, Metro Board Member and Los Angeles City Councilman Paul Krekorian, Metro Chief Innovation Officer Joshua Schank, and many other esteemed colleagues from related sectors to assess “what’s in-market,” “what’s about to be in-market” and “what’s needed” in the global, trillion dollar green economy. The panel I sat on was themed “21st Century Transit Portals: Investment and Innovation,” but was just one of dozens addressing the most challenging questions and exciting possibilities in infrastructure, the green economy, and bringing quality of life enhancements to our world now and in the future.

Vermont and North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Studies

Also this week, Countywide Planning and Community & Municipal Affairs staff conducted a successful initial round of public outreach for the Vermont and North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) technical studies. Two meetings were held along each corridor to solicit feedback from elected officials, community groups, and major employers along the potential alignments for the BRT routes. Metro is grateful to Los Angeles City Council Member Marqueece Harris-Dawson, the staff of LA County Supervisor and Metro Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas, LA City Councilmember and Metro Board Member Paul Krekorian, LA City Councilmember Herb Wesson, California State Senator Carol Liu and the Cities of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena who participated in the roundtables. Metro also thanks the various community stakeholders representing large employers, neighborhood council/homeowner associations, non-profits and others who attended the meetings this week and provided productive, insightful feedback for improved bus service on the corridors. Public outreach will continue as the potential BRT concepts are developed. Both studies are scheduled to be completed this fall.

Anthony Williams Knows Safety is Priority #1

I’d like to commend the excellent awareness and efforts of Bus Operator Anthony Williams from Division 2, who observed a man aboard his bus asleep with a gun in his waistband. After calmly stopping and having passengers exit the bus, Mr. Williams called law enforcement, allowing for Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department deputies to arrest the subject, who was wanted on a prior gun charge and was a felon in possession of a gun.

Anthony Williams treated safety as priority #1 and provided excellence in service and support. Thank you for your heroic and thoughtful action.

Rail Rodeo Tomorrow at New Gold Line Yard

Join us for the annual Rail Rodeo & Family Day, taking place tomorrow, January 30, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the brand new Gold Line Yard. The new Gold Line Yard (Division 24) is located at 1600 California Avenue in Monrovia. The event is a chance for our Rail Operators and Technicians to

compete for a chance to be the best in the agency. There will be entertainment for all ages, food and tours of the new Metro yard for the Foothill extension. The event is family friendly with no reservations required. We hope to see you there.

Metro Annual Outreach to Riders with Disabilities at Abilities Expo

Metro's Accessibility Unit will be hosting a booth at the annual Abilities Expo, which will be held at the LA Convention Center on February 5 through February 7, 2016. The event draws about 7,000 participants each year and is a valuable resource for the community of people with disabilities. Attendees can discover and test new products, learn about public and private services, and obtain information from public agencies. This is a key annual event for Metro to reach out to people with disabilities, and older adults, to provide transportation information and resources.

This year, Metro hopes to draw many new visitors to the booth with a Premiere public showing of the new Customer Information videos, and then with a continuous video showing at the Metro booth. The videos will be on a large LED screen for easy viewing, and have open captioning in both English and Spanish versions. The videos will also be accessible at: www.metro.net

Metro will again be welcoming the wheelchair strapping and marking team from C.A.R.E. Evaluators to the booth so that visitors using wheelchairs can obtain free expert marking service to make boarding buses faster and safer. Access Services, which provides required ADA Paratransit service to Metro and other county transit providers, will also be available with experts to provide answers to frequently asked questions, and service applications. Metro's "On the Move" rider's club will provide information about Metro's travel training program for older adults, and members of the Metro Accessibility Advisory Committee will be there to provide first-hand accounts of Metro's inclusive planning and community participation.

The Abilities Expo event is free for everyone, with registration at the door or pre-registration online at www.abilities.com/losangeles.

My thanks to Paula Guevara of Accessibility Programs for the tremendous effort involved in coordinating all the event contributors, from Metro bus and rail operations to outside agencies, and ensuring Metro is well represented to the community of people with disabilities. I encourage each of you attend the event and stop by the Metro booth.

Procurement Postings

Electric Vehicle Chargers (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Electric Vehicle Chargers. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, January 27, 2016 through Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

This procurement is for the purchase of Four (4) Electric Vehicle Chargers for Metro's Chandler Sustainable Demo Project complete with installation, trouble shooting, repairs, and warranty.

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

West Santa Ana Branch Transit Study Corridor Environmental Study (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services for the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Environmental Study. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, February 4, 2016 through Monday, July 11, 2016.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified Architectural and Engineering (A&E) firm to environmentally clear the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project. All outreach activities will be procured through a separate, parallel process. The Contractor selected for this project shall work collaboratively with the Public Outreach Contractor to successfully complete all responsibilities.

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.

West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Community Participation Program (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services for the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Community Participation Program. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, February 4, 2016 through Monday, July 11, 2016.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified firm to provide outreach to facilitate and implement a Community Participation Program for the environmental analysis of the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project. The community participation effort will support the technical contractor in a collaborative, integrated manner in the development of an Environmental Impact Report in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act / Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

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.

Small Business Prime Tableau Data Visualization Project (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Tableau software licenses and related implementation services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Business only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, February 2, 2016 through Friday, April 15, 2016.

Metro is seeking services from an experienced and qualified firm to provide Tableau software licenses and related implementation services.

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.

Employee Assistance Program (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the Employee Assistance Program services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, January 28, 2015 through Thursday, April 28, 2016.

Metro is seeking a Contractor to provide an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) service. The EAP service provides personal counseling benefits to employees through a contracted Contractor. The program is intended to help employees and their family members cope with problems on the job, at school and in the home; and to promote job effectiveness and productivity.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Maria V. Lechuga, Contract Administrator Manager (Interim), at (213) 922-7206.

Overhead Crane and Hoist Inspection (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure inspection, certification, and testing services for all Metro cranes. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, February 3, 2016 through Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified contractor to provide quarterly inspections, yearly certification and quadrennial load testing for all of Metro's jib cranes, bridge cranes, overhead and gantry cranes. In addition to inspection, testing and certification, the Contractor shall update numbering (ID) sequence and list of cranes for all jib cranes, bridge cranes, overhead and gantry cranes throughout Metro bus and rail transit facilities.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Rommel Hilario, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4654.

CEQA / NEPA Environmental Services and Support (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a consultant for CEQA/NEPA Environmental Services and Support that will assist Metro staff with Environmental analysis and clearance of Metro Transportation projects for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and Section 4 (f) of the Department of Transportation Act (DOTA) of 1966. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, January 29, 2016 through Friday, July 29, 2016.

The scope of services for the subject solicited contract consists of the preparation of analyses, studies, surveys, investigations, modeling, predictions, and/or reports related to the sustainable operation and maintenance of Metro's transportation system, facilities, and support activities as well as mitigation field monitoring. The resultant contract, if awarded, will be federally funded and is subject to fiscal year funding.

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.

Purple Line Extension Section 2 Project, Construction Management Support Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Construction Management Support Services for the Purple Line Extension Section 2 Project. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, January 29, 2016, through Friday, September 30, 2016.

The Contract is for provision of construction management support services for the heavy rail transit subway extension of the existing Purple Line from its future terminus at Wilshire/La Cienega Station (currently under construction as part of Section 1 of the Purple Line Extension) to a new Century City/Constellation Station. The extension will be approximately 2.55 miles and will include a total of two (2) new stations: Wilshire/Rodeo and Century City/Constellation.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Zachary Munoz, Contract Administration Manager, (213) 922-7301.

Construction Notices – Gold Line, I-5

Metro Gold Line: [Bus Shuttles Replace Rail Service This Weekend](#) – Between Lake and Sierra Madre Villa Stations

- Crews will perform final tie-in work to configure train control and signal systems for the forthcoming Gold Line

Foothill Extension

- Bus shuttles will replace train service between Lake and Sierra Madre Villa Stations beginning Saturday, January 30 at

11:00 p.m. through Sunday, January 31 at 11:00 a.m.

- Service changes will be in effect while this upgrade work occurs, please allow extra time for your commute.

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

“Leadership is the art of giving people a platform for spreading ideas that work”
~Seth Godin



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