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### Join us Tomorrow at the Halfway There Community Celebration

I invite you all to join Metro Board Members, the Crenshaw District Community and the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project team for the Halfway There Community Celebration. Metro is hosting a community celebration as we approach the halfway mark on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project. All of us here at Metro would like to thank the community for their patience and continued support as Metro achieves this significant milestone. Anticipated activities include: performances by local musicians and dancers, workshops with station artists, a kids zone, a marketplace, Metro and contractor employment opportunities, small business resources and sustainability resources. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. and the first 250 people to register will be invited to participate in a drawing to win an iPad. For more information as posted on The Source, please click [here](#), or visit our [Metro webpage](#).

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## **Saying Farewell to Ernest Waters**

This morning, Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins and I joined many others to say farewell and pay our respects to the late Ernest Waters. The gloomy day allowed those in attendance to mourn but did not inhibit celebrating the life of the respected AFSCME Labor Leader and valued Metro facilities supervisor. Ernest, who was employed with Metro since 1990, passed earlier last week. He served as AFSCME Local 3634 President from 2006 to 2015, representing over 700 Metro first-line supervisors. He also served as Vice-President and Executive Board member of AFSCME Council 36 for two years. He was an effective and dedicated business partner to Metro Management, while also persistent in his advocacy for enhanced working conditions on behalf of his membership. On behalf of the Metro family, I send my warmest sympathies to the the family of Mr. Waters during this rough time.

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## **Inglewood Area Ministers Association Prayer Breakfast**

Yesterday morning, Metro Executive Officer, Systems Security & Law Enforcement Alex Wiggins and I attended the 33rd Annual Inglewood Area Ministers Association Prayer Breakfast held at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel. It was my pleasure to deliver some remarks at this years event entitled, "Prayerful Unity for Our Inglewood Community." This annual breakfast was created to enhance the City of Inglewood through promoting community development, community outreach and positive change within the City of Inglewood and surrounding areas through prayer. The Inglewood Area Ministers Association brings together religious leaders, local business, congregations and other groups to pray for peace and protection for their communities. Attending special events like these helps us build partnerships with the communities we serve and celebrate the diversity we proudly see within Metro and our communities.

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## **The Plan to Ease Traffic: Initiating Telephone Town Halls and Wrapping up Community Meetings**

Following the conclusion of our community meetings, on wednesday, we moved on to the next phase of public engagement. Metro Chair and LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and I kicked-off our telephone town hall series to further educate and engage LA County residents about the Plan to Ease Traffic. Each town hall is targeted at different parts of the county that reflect the areas represented by members of the Metro Board.

We hosted two telephone meetings each on Wednesday and Thursday, directed at the residents of LA County Supervisorial Districts 2 and 5, as well as the South Bay and Gateway Cities. For each meeting, participants were encouraged to ask questions, interact with board members and executive staff and respond to two poll questions.

More than 3,600 joined the first call on Wednesday and 3,843 took part in the second session. Then on Thursday, 3,099 listeners were on the first call and more than 3,200 joined the second one. Members of Metro's senior leadership team from Construction Management, Service Planning, Regional Planning, Communications and Finance also participated in the town halls and responded to dozens of questions and comments in Spanish and English. Ten more town hall meetings remain at 6:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on May 9, 11, 12, 16 and 18. For a couple of behind the scenes photos from this operation click [here](#) and [here](#).

We have wrapped up our series of community meetings. Last Saturday, we completed our tenth and final Metro-hosted community meeting sharing the Plan to Ease Traffic and soliciting input from the public. The Saturday event was an online virtual meeting in which participants viewed a video presentation, responded to

electronic polling questions and had an opportunity to ask questions and share their views. More than 500 people participated in the ten meetings with 72.4% voting in event polls that they would support the ballot measure if the election were held today. The virtual meeting is available for viewing and feedback through Friday, May 20, 2016 at [metro.net/theplan](http://metro.net/theplan). I would like to thank the Metro staff who supported these evening and Saturday meetings - particularly our Community and Municipal Affairs team for organizing and facilitating this important dialogue with Los Angeles County residents.

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### **Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 Officially Released**

As of Tuesday, the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) has been officially released and posted to the [Metro website](#) for public comment and review. At \$5.6 billion, the FY17 proposed budget is balanced and represents over a two percent decrease from the FY16 budget, proving that recent agencywide efforts to control costs have been successful. As we continue to build new rail lines, expand services and enhance service quality, we must also continue to emphasize the importance of tightened financial controls in order to maintain long term financial stability.

A public hearing on the FY17 proposed budget will be held in the Metro Board Room on Wednesday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m. The Metro Board of Directors is expected to formally adopt the FY17 proposed budget at the regular Board of Directors meeting on May 26 at 9:00 a.m.

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### **COMTO Welcomes New Metro Chief Planning Officer**

On Monday evening, the Conference Of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) kindly hosted a meet and greet reception to welcome Metro Chief Planning Officer, Therese McMillan. I joined some of the Metro Senior Leadership Team members, Board staff and Southern California Association of Government representatives at this event. This was a great opportunity for everyone to begin conversations with Therese as we all move forward on this path towards transforming Los Angeles County transportation by creating the balanced multi-modal transportation system Metro envisions.

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### **Metro Collaboration with Gogobot: Foodies Welcome**

Last week, Metro's EAT SHOP PLAY Campaign launched a partnership with Gogobot in support of impacted businesses along the subway/rail construction project corridors. The goal of the Metro/Gogobot collaboration is to increase social media exposure for businesses in areas where our new Metro train lines are being built: Inglewood, Crenshaw, Wilshire, Little Tokyo and Downtown LA. Last Friday, EAT SHOP PLAY arranged a bloggers' tasting event for Gogobot at Orleans & York Deli in Inglewood and every "Foodie Tribe" member in attendance gave Orleans & York Deli a 5 star rating. Congrats and nice work to O&Y Deli.

Gogobot works similarly to Trip Advisor and Yelp. Based in Silicon Valley, they are an up-and-coming app competitor. Gogobot members write blogs about restaurants, events and places to stay around the U.S. The members are hand-selected and considered to be "influencers" in their areas – meaning they have large social media followings. You can check them out at [www.gogobot.com](http://www.gogobot.com).

For photos of the tasting event click [here](#) or [here](#), and for O&Y Deli reviews on Gogobot click [here](#).

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## **Metro Executive Appointed to be USEPA Advisor**

I want to extend congratulations to Metro Executive Officer, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Dr. Cris b. Liban, P.E., for his appointment by United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy to serve on the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). Council Members provide independent advice to the EPA Administrator on a broad range of environmental policy, technology and management issues. Dr. Liban will serve a two-year term from April 25, 2016 through April 25, 2018. NACEPT helps the EPA gain broad points of views from a diverse range of interest groups that would otherwise be unavailable to the Agency; and provides a cost-effective and efficient forum that can quickly respond to continually evolving policy challenges.

Dr. Cris Liban's appointment to this USEPA advisory role is testament to our agency's national influence in shaping environmental and sustainability policy. Dr. Liban's work in collaboration with his colleagues in other Metro departments is part of the reason Metro is an award-winning agency.

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## **Metro Receives Award During Earth Week**

On April 21, during Earth Week, Metro received an award on behalf of Division 7 at the 15th Annual Municipal Green Building Conference & Expo for obtaining a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification. Metro's Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Department (ECSD) worked closely with Division 7 staff to achieve some notable accomplishments including a 34% reduction in indoor water use through the installation of low flow plumbing fixtures. Buildings that achieve LEED certification must also meet minimum standards of indoor environmental quality and energy conservation, which improves occupant comfort and building performance. I want to congratulate all Division 7 staff for supporting Metro's commitment to sustainability.

Metro currently has eight certified facilities under the LEED rating system, including five Gold certifications. Six facilities are currently on track for LEED certification. These make Metro's portfolio of green infrastructure one of the largest of any public agency in the nation. As a leader in environmental stewardship and sustainability, Metro is committed to ensuring a safer and environmentally friendly space for its staff and the general public during the construction and operations of all of our facilities.

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## **Metro Art Celebrates Mother's Day with Family Portraits at Union Station**

This Sunday, in our ongoing effort to engage diverse communities, improve the transit environment and attract customers, Metro Art will offer an art tour exploring Union Station art, architecture and spaces not generally open to the public. As an added perk, we're also offering free family portraits by caricature artists. For more details as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).

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## **Procurement Postings**

### FCC Licensing, Engineering, and Frequency Coordination Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure FCC Licensing, Engineering, and Frequency Coordination Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, May 10, 2016 through Monday, June 27, 2016.

The selected professional will create and submit new requests for FCC licenses as required by Metro, modify and submit requests for FCC license modifications and changes as required by Metro and/or FCC, monitor FCC licenses for construction notifications, monitor FCC license expiration dates for all Metro owned/operated frequencies.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Antwaun Boykin, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1056.

Silver Line Rosecrans Station and Green Line Harbor Freeway Station (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure a Sound Enclosure System at the Silver Line Rosecrans Station and Green Line Harbor Freeway Station. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, May 10, 2016 through Wednesday, August 3, 2016.

This Sound Enclosure System will mitigate the noise level at the Silver Line Rosecrans Station and Green Line Harbor Freeway Station platforms.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by contract administrator's Alyssa Garcia, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7574.

Enterprise Asset Management Assessment (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for of an experienced and qualified consultant specializing in public sector transit maintenance and asset management to assist with the development of requirements and scope of work for replacement/upgrade of Metro's current maintenance and materiel management system.

**This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Business only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, May 5, 2016 through Tuesday, June 28, 2016.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Gary Mah, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1074.

Heavy Rail Vehicle Acquisition Program Control Support Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure consulting services to support Metro's Project Manager and Transit Capital Staff with the project control, management and oversight of the HR4000 Rail Vehicle Contractor. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, May 18, through Thursday, October 27, 2016.

The objective of the work is to support Metro's staff with skilled and qualified consultants in the program management of the HR4000 Rail Vehicle Contractor to ensure all deliverables, requirements and performance will be consistent with the HR4000 Contract. The end product is the timely production and delivery of the heavy rail vehicles and associated deliverables.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Nicole Dang, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7438.

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**Construction Notices - Purple Line Extension, Regional Connector, I-5**

Purple Line Extension Project: [Sidewalk Closure](#) -- Between Detroit Street and La Brea Avenue

- Design-builder closed the sidewalk on the south side of Wilshire Boulevard between Detroit Street and La Brea Avenue
- This work is necessary to support pre-trenching, pile installation, jet grouting and other work

- Work began Thursday, May 5 and will continue thru Friday, July 8, 2016
- Signage for pedestrian detours will be in place and the sidewalk on the north side will remain open.

[Lane Closures](#) -- Wilshire Boulevard and La Brea Avenue

- Piling, storm and pile prepping, street restoration, paving and other work will continue at Wilshire and La Brea
- Work will take place Friday, May 6, thru Monday, May 9 with street closures between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Regional Connector Project: [Weekend Closures](#) -- at 1st Street and Alameda Street

- Full weekend closures at 1st Street and Alameda Street will take place over a period of 55 hours
- Closures are necessary to perform installation of piles and deck panels in preparation for Regional Connector tunnel construction and traffic reconfiguration
- Beginning Friday, May 6 at 9:00 p.m. through Monday, May 9 at 4:00 a.m. and will continue the following weekend.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All Construction Updates [here](#).

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"Success is never final, failure is never fatal. It's courage that counts."

~John Wooden

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