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Metro Project Wins American Planning Association - Los Angeles Awards

Yesterday, Metro staff attended the annual American Planning Association – Los Angeles (APA-LA) Awards Gala. The Union Station Master Plan team, led by Metro's Countywide Planning and Development staff and consultants Gruen Associates and Grimshaw Architects, received an Award of Merit in the Transportation Planning category which honors efforts to increase transportation choices for all populations, reducing dependence on private automobiles and helping ease congestion and reduce climate change impacts. The City of Los Angeles' Mobility Element won the Award of Excellence in this category, and Metro's Active Transportation Planning and First/Last Mile strategy are right in line with that visionary plan.

Also of note, the City of Azusa won an Award of Merit in the Economic Development and Planning category for their Azusa Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Specific Plan. This plan paves the way for redevelopment in Azusa focused around the Metro Gold Line Foothill extension and was funded by Metro's TOD Planning Grant program. Metro understands that visionary and forward thinking planning is integral to increasing transit ridership and quality of life, and we will continue to support plans that promote transit oriented communities. Congratulations to all the [winners](#).

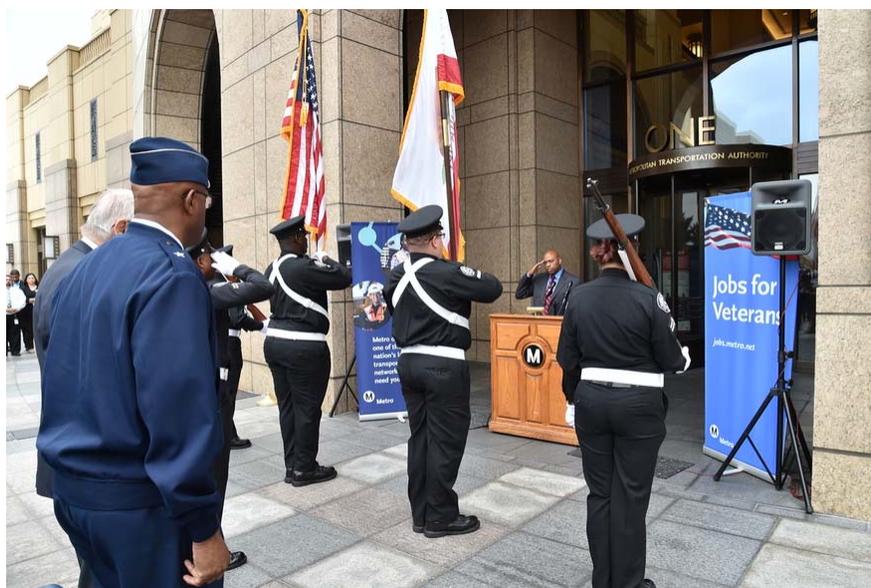
National Dump the Pump Day

Also yesterday, Metro joined the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and thousands of public transportation agencies across the country in recognizing the 11th Annual National Dump the Pump Day. Metro representatives were at seven different locations handing out bags with Metro tokens of appreciation to riders who gave up their car for a day to take public transit. What began as a stance against rising gas prices has evolved beyond that to become a day of recognition of the overall economic benefits of public transportation. The average Los Angeles area commuter can save \$894 per month and \$10,733 annually by switching from driving a personal car to taking bus or rail transit.

Metro Hosts First Veterans' Job and Resource Fair

On Wednesday, I joined Metro Board Member and LA County Supervisor Michael Antonovich in welcoming veterans and others to Metro's first Veterans' Job and Resource Fair. Director Antonovich introduced our keynote speaker Brigadier General Nathaniel S. Reddicks who spoke powerful words about the benefits and importance of hiring our Veterans and service men and women into all types of civilian jobs. Approximately 32 employers (Federal, State, County, City, and the private sector), 16 resource organizations and Veterans support groups were in attendance supporting this wonderful event held here on the plaza level at Metro Gateway Headquarters.

Brigadier General Reddicks currently serves as Air Force Commander of the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos. I thank him for his continued service and for joining Metro for this important event. I also want to recognize and thank the many Metro hands involved in producing this event including Metro Veteran Program Manager Dennis Tucker, Metro HR Assistant with Veteran's Program Carlos Guevara Romero, and Metro Deputy Executive Officer Human Resources Carmen Mayor. A few photos from this event can be found [here](#) and [here](#).



Mobility 21 Sacramento Legislative Meeting

On Tuesday, I was in Sacramento for an advocacy trip with fellow Mobility 21 Board Members Anne Mayer, Darrell Johnson and Hasan Ikhata. We travelled to Sacramento to meet with key State Legislators to discuss important transportation issues including the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund and Cap-and-Trade revenue allocations. This was a productive business trip to Sacramento and thank you to Metro Deputy Executive Officer Government Relations Michael Turner for his advocacy work and assistance with these meetings.

Metro Employee Snaps Photo of Suspect Leading to Apprehension

I want to thank and recognize one of our Metro employees, Mr. Eugene Berwager, Property Maintainer Leader at Wayside Systems Facility Maintenance, for his 'See Something, Say Something' actions that assisted the LA Sheriff's Department and LA Police Department in arresting a suspect who committed a sexual assault on a Metro Bus Operator.

While headed to work on the Metro Orange Line, Mr. Berwager witnessed an incident of sexual assault and immediately reported it. With exceptional foresight and anticipation, Mr. Berwager took a photo of the suspect who was acting unruly and then assaulted the Metro bus operator. After the incident occurred, the suspect fled the scene. Mr. Berwager contacted the Bus Operations Control and uploaded the picture he took onto the Metro Transit Watch app. LAPD deputies were able to identify and apprehend the suspect before placing him into custody. Mr. Berwager was honored at yesterday's June 2016 System Safety, Security and Operations Committee Meeting with an Operations Special Recognition Award. Job well-done Mr. Berwager.

DBE and SBE Online Certification System Now Available in Beta Format

Metro has become the first member agency of the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) to bring the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Small Business Enterprise (SBE) certification process online. The online certification system is designed to streamline the process for DBE and SBE applicants and eliminate the need for hard copy submissions.

Key features include a user friendly platform, an application status tracking tool, 24 hour technical support and free webinar training to walk applicants through the process. Existing certified firms will be able to update firm information, request additional NAICS codes and submit annually required update documents. Along with these features, the online application will not allow submission of incomplete applications making the review process more efficient. I would like to thank the Diversity & Economic Opportunity Department for spearheading this innovative system designed to support Metro's Small Business community.

Business Interruption Fund Summer Workshop Series

Metro is kicking off the summer 2016 Business Interruption Fund (BIF) workshop series. The BIF workshops provide small businesses directly impacted by Metro construction an opportunity to learn about Metro's BIF and receive information first-hand from Metro and the fund administrator, Pacific Coast Regional Small Business Development Corporation (PCR). The summer workshop series will begin in the Little Tokyo area of the Regional Connector Transit Project on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at the Miyako Hotel. Additional workshops will be hosted through September 2016 along the Crenshaw/LAX Corridor, Purple Line Extension Phase I, and 2nd/Broadway segment of the Regional Connector.

Keeping with the objective of supporting small “mom and pop” businesses ability to thrive throughout and post construction, Metro program staff continues to demonstrate the program’s community footprint through the workshop series and outreach efforts launched since the implementation of the program in April 2015. The summer 2016 BIF workshop schedule can be viewed [here](#). To view various small business BIF grantee spotlight profiles as featured in The Source, please click [here](#).

Procurement Postings

Bicycle Education and Safety Team (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services to carry out the Bicycle Education and Safety Team (BEST) Program. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, June 24, 2016 through Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

The purpose of this procurement is to develop and conduct workshops for bicycle safety education, bicycle-specific traffic skills, and everyday bicycle transportation education.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by W. T. (Ted) Sparkuhl, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7399.

Construction Notices - Crenshaw/LAX Line, Purple Line Extension, I-5

Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project: [Pile and Cantilever Support Installation](#) -- Between 60th St and 67th St

- Contractor Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors will be installing soldier piles and cantilever supports on the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard beginning on 60th Street and moving south to 67th Street.
- This will require new traffic configuration which will cause only one lane of traffic maintained in each direction.
- Work and lane reduction will be from Friday, June 17 at 9:00 p.m. through Monday, June 20 at 6:00 a.m.
- Also, Harriet the TBM began tunneling under Crenshaw Boulevard in April 2016.
- For an update on Harriet's movement and a time-lapse video capturing the launch of the machine's work as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).

Metro Purple Line Extension Project: [Full Closure Wilshire Boulevard](#) -- Between Cloverdale and La Brea Ave

- The design-builder will implement a full closure to install concrete decks.
- Work begins Friday, June 17 at 8:00 p.m. until Monday, June 20 at 6:00 a.m.
- Lane reductions on Wilshire will begin Friday at 10:00 a.m.
- Signs will be in place for pedestrian detours and traffic control officers will be assisting pedestrians.
- Photos of this decking work as posted on The Source can be seen [here](#).

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

"Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work at hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus."

~Alexander Graham Bell



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