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Women Build Metro LA Boot Camp: Class of 2016

Today, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker delivered the Graduation Keynote address at the first ever Women Build METRO Los Angeles (WBMLA) Pre-Apprentice Boot Camp ceremony. The Boot Camp, sponsored in conjunction with Los Angeles Trade Technical College, used the training curriculum approved by the Trades, to assure that the 21 women who finished the Boot Camp received current, relevant and union approved preparation.

Metro has developed this initiative in support of the 6.9% female participation goals set by the federal government and reflected in our cutting edge Project Labor Agreement and Construction Careers Policy. Proudly, 58% of the workers on Metro projects are drawn from a pool of “targeted workers” – workers from low income zip codes or with prior barriers to employment. While those numbers are exemplary, and an indication of the economic impact our projects have generated, Prime contractors everywhere are struggling to reach the desired percentage of women construction workers. The Boot Camp, developed through the Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD), is done in support of efforts to interest, recruit and prepare women for careers in the construction industry.

From the first symposium in November 2015 to the graduation, the women have kept a commitment to excel. What began with visits to Union Apprenticeship Training Centers which included a grueling volunteer project

with Habitat for Humanity and then an intense 6 week Boot Camp, culminated with a graduating class of women with insight and exposure to construction as a career. At no cost to them, Boot Camp participants received their OSHA Safety Training Certificate, heard presentations from Metro Primes, Trade Union Representatives and Executive Director of LA/OC Building Trades Council Ron Miller, to set realistic expectations and see first-hand what the life of a Trade Unionist entails.

Metro Prime Contractors, many of whom are on the WBMLA Committee, will interview the graduates individually for possible employment. DEOD will track their progress for one year to measure the success of this effort and to plan future endeavors.

I congratulate the graduates of this inaugural undertaking. Thank you to President Larry Frank of LA Trade Technical College for facilitating the training, Metro Chief Vendor Contract Management (interim) Ivan Page, Executive Officer DEOD Miguel Cabral and DEOD staffers Marisela Villar and Miriam Scott Long for this greatly executed initiative.

Public Hearing on Airport Metro Connector 96th St. Transit Station DEIR

Wednesday evening, Metro Countywide Planning, Program Management and Communications staff hosted the Public Hearing on the recently released Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Airport Metro Connector (AMC) 96th Street Transit Station. Approximately 45 members of the public attended the hearing which was held near LAX. In addition to the presentation and providing comment during the formal hearing, attendees were able to view display boards and speak with project team members. Elected officials from the City of Hawthorne and staff from Metro Board Member Mike Bonin's office were in attendance as well as an Inglewood Airport Commissioner and representatives from Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA).

The DEIR was released on June 22, with comments being accepted through August 6. Once complete, the AMC 96th Street Transit station will connect the regional transit system to Los Angeles International Airport's central terminal area via an Automated People Mover (APM) that is being planned, built and operated by LAWA. As envisioned, the station will be the new "Gateway" to LAX for transit riders and will be served by both the Metro Green and Crenshaw/LAX Lines. It will feature a bus plaza for Metro and municipal buses, passenger pick-up/drop-off, and amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists. The public is invited to provide comments by the close of the comment period on August 6, 2016. Please go to the project [website](#) to learn more about the project, view the DEIR, and learn how to submit comments.

Division 13 Gets the Gold

This week, the U.S. Green Building Council notified us that we have achieved Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification for the Division 13 bus operations and maintenance facility project. The Division 13 facility opened for revenue service in February 2016, and is our sixth LEED building constructed from the ground up. Division 13 is a national example of how innovative design and focus on the triple bottom-line (social/financial/environmental) can be incorporated into our operations, maintenance, and construction practices. Sustainable features incorporated into Division 13 include LED lighting, bus washing with storm water, solar panels, natural ventilation, daylighting, alternative fueling, and usage of recycled materials. Congratulations to the Division 13 team for achieving LEED Gold certification on this project.

COMTO National Meeting & Training Conference

Earlier this week, I joined Metro staff attending the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials' (COMTO) 45th Annual National Meeting & Training Conference in Dallas, Texas. This premier gathering of the nation's top transportation professionals provided a forum to enhance the importance of advocacy for connecting more minority and women transportation professionals with opportunities to communicate, collaborate and connect. Keeping with the COMTO's theme of "21st Century Multi-Modal Transportation", workshops included a USDOT Roundtable that provided a state of the transit industry and discussions on the rail industry's key role in solving many of our transportation issues and a USDOT DBE Academy. Founded in 1971 on the campus of Howard University, COMTO provides a forum for senior-level minority professionals in the transportation industry and I look forward to our continued collaboration. Additionally, I had the opportunity to confer and extend LA Metro condolences to my CEO counterpart at Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Gary Thomas, on the loss of one of his Transit Officers as a result of the tragic events last week in Dallas.

Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting FY15 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has presented the Accounting Department with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. GFOA said, "The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management." I would like to congratulate the Accounting Department on this important achievement.

Mayor Pro Tem Recognizes Metro Excellence in Service

I was pleased to receive a letter this week from Mayor Pro Tem of South Pasadena, Michael A. Cacciotti, recognizing the outstanding service of one of our operators. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti writes about James Aviles of Division 9 noting that he is "impressed by his kindness, warmth, patience and good humor." At a time when Los Angeles County residents are re-discovering and attaining greater access to public transit, operators like Mr. Aviles are leaving positive impressions with customers ultimately leading them back to taking that public transit trip again. Thank you to Metro Operator Aviles and all other Metro operators who provide Excellence in Service and Support by providing pleasant experiences for our riders.

Procurement Postings

Division 20 Portal Widening Turnback Facility (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Division 20 Portal Widening Turnback Facility. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, July 20, 2016 through Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

Metro is seeking a contractor (Design-Bid-Build) to provide engineering design services for the widening of the existing Division 20 portal structure and proposed turnback facility in preparation for the opening of the Westside Purple Line Extension Section 1.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Dianne Sirisut, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2737.

Propulsion Diodes & Powe-r-Brik Assembly- LRV (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure Propulsion Diodes and Powe-r-Brik Assembly for the P2000 Siemens vehicles. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, July 22, 2016 through Friday, September 30, 2016.

The Propulsion Diodes and Powe-r-Brik Assembly for the P2000 Siemens vehicles are part of the Propulsion Power Electronic unit. This unit converts DC power to AC power, which generates power to the train. The age of the fleet along with general wear and tear, obsolescence, and failures requires replacement of both the diodes and the powe-r-briks to keep the LRVs running efficiently and in a safe operating condition to ensure uninterrupted revenue service.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson Senior Manager- Contract Administration at (213) 922-1025.

Construction Notices - Purple Line Extension, I-5

Metro Purple Line Extension Project: [Full Street Closure for Decking Phase 2](#) -- Wilshire/La Brea

- Decking phase 2 at the intersection of Wilshire and La Brea will require partial and full street closures.
- Beginning Friday, July 15 at 8:00 p.m. thru Monday, July 18 at 6:00 a.m., the design-builder will implement a full closure of the Wilshire/La Brea intersection.
- Lane reductions will occur on La Brea, and on Wilshire, prior to the full closure from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- There will be vehicle and bus detours, please click the link above for details.

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

"Limitations live only in our minds. But if we use our imaginations, our possibilities become limitless."

~Jamie Paolinetti



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