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The Gold Medalist Series: Shirley Babashoff, John Naber, Julianne McNamara and Brenda Villa

Today, the gold medal winning water polo player Brenda Villa will be at the Metro Gold Line Atlantic Station to sign autographs and take photographs with customers from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Be sure to stop by and meet the medalist if you are in the area.

Yesterday, gold medal winning gymnast "America's Sweetheart" Julianne McNamara made an appearance at the Metro Red Line North Hollywood Station. McNamara won an individual gold medal in the uneven parallel bars at the 1984 Games in Los Angeles. McNamara met with Metro riders and discussed the extraordinary success of the U.S. women gymnasts at the 2016 Rio Games. Los Angeles City Councilmember and Metro Board Member Paul Krekorian was there to congratulate McNamara on her achievements and outstanding public service.

On Wednesday afternoon, Culver City Mayor Jim B. Clarke was at the Metro Expo Line Culver City Station to give an official welcome to 4-time Olympic champion swimmer John Naber and on Tuesday, Naber met with Metro riders and fans at the Metro Gold Line Sierra Madre Villa station. Naber signed autographs and allowed every fan to wear his 1976 gold medal around their necks. The fans were enthusiastic and appreciative of the chance to not only meet one of our local gold medalists of the past but to also wear the gold medal.

Lastly, on Monday, 3-time Olympic gold medalist Shirley Babashoff came to Union Station to meet Metro riders and display the gold medal she won in the swimming competition at the 1976 Montreal games. Shirley met fans for 90 minutes, posing for photos and signing hundreds of autographs. Shirley's

appearance was one of eleven over the period of the Rio games in which gold medalists will appear at Metro stations to thank our loyal riders and build spirit for a possible LA Olympiad in 2024. For details on locations and a roster of Gold Medalist participants including their accomplishments, please click [here](#).



WTS Orange County Transportation Academy Visits Metro

On Monday, a group of college and graduate students participating in WTS-OC's Transportation Academy visited Metro headquarters to learn about our projects and programs and receive a snapshot of what career opportunities are available within the agency. The students enjoyed hearing from an outstanding line-up of Metro employees on a variety of topics, including our new bikeshare program, the LA County Traffic Improvement Plan and the phases of the Airport Metro Connector project. The academy's visit concluded with a tour of Division 13, where students were granted a behind the scenes look at how we operate and maintain our expansive fleet of Metro Rapid buses. I want to personally thank all of the Metro staff who volunteered to speak and help make this incredible collaboration possible. I look forward to our continued partnership with WTS-OC.



Metro Participates in History Keepers Exhibit

The Metro Transportation Research Library & Archive is participating in History Keepers: Traversing Los Angeles, an exhibition by the California Historical Society in conjunction with L.A. as Subject. The exhibits each tell a story about Los Angeles -- how we move through it and how it moves through us.

Metro's contribution to the exhibition is a large detailed map of central Los Angeles that indicates the extent of Pacific Electric Railway and Los Angeles Railway's reach via rail and motor coach circa 1927. The map not only shows the viewer how public transportation has changed in Los Angeles since 1927, but also how parts of the city have developed, evolved, or remained unchanged over the past 90 years. The exhibition at El Tranquilo Gallery on Olvera Street runs from August 5 through August 27.

Public Comment Period closes for AMC 96th Street Transit Station

Last Saturday, Metro closed the 45-day formal public comment period for the Airport Metro Connector (AMC) 96th Street Station Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). We received comments from more than 70 individuals and organizations. The project team is reviewing these comments and will provide formal responses when the Final EIR is released later this Fall. 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 Los Angeles World Airports (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. Please go to the project [website](#) to learn more about the AMC and to sign-up to join the project email list.

The NFL is Back at the Coliseum: Avoid Traffic, Go Metro

Tomorrow, the Los Angeles Rams kick-off their preseason schedule with the Dallas Cowboys coming into town. The city is expecting a large crowd for this return of the Los Angeles Rams and after much preparation by staff, Metro is here to help the fans get to and from the game. The Coliseum is serviced by two Metro Expo Line stations and there are multiple ways for fans to access the Expo Line. For full details and more information on the logistics of going Metro as well as parking, please click [here](#).

Procurement Postings

Metro Mystery Rider Program (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the services of a contractor for its Mystery Rider Program. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 15, 2016 through Monday, September 19, 2016.

Metro is seeking the services from an experienced contractor to hire, train, and supervise observers to evaluate Metro's bus services in accordance with specified ADA requirements, accessibility, and other operating policies and procedures.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Marc Margoni, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1304.

Bike Friendly Business District - San Gabriel Valley (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services for the Bike Friendly Business District – San Gabriel Valley. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 15, 2016 through Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified firm to implement two pilot Bicycle-Friendly Business Districts in the San Gabriel Valley intended to increase bicycling by partnering with local merchants.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Brian Selwyn, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4679.

Construction Notices - Purple Line Extension, I-5

Metro Purple Line Extension: Jet Grouting -- Wilshire/La Brea, East Segment

- This weekend, from Friday, August 12 thru Monday August 15, the design-builder will continue jet grouting under the full closure in coordination with the decking.
- Jet grouting will occur on Wilshire Bl between Orange St and Mansfield Ave.
- Sycamore Ave will be closed on the north and south sides of the Wilshire/Sycamore intersection.
- The south side of Sycamore Ave will be closed from Friday, August 12 to Monday, August 15.

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

"Winning and losing are both very temporary things. Having done one or the other, you move ahead.
Gloating over a victory or sulking over a loss is a good way to stand still."

~Chuck Knox

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