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Gold Medalist Series: Mark Spitz, Bryan Clay, Lisa Fernandez, Valerie Brisco and Rafer Johnson

Today, you can catch Mark Spitz, nine-time Gold Medalist in swimming at the 1968 Mexico City Games and 1972 Munich Games, at the Metro Expo Line Downtown Santa Monica Station. This week wraps up Metro's Past Gold Medalist Series and I want to thank Metro Senior Public Communications Officer Paul Gonzales for all the work and coordination that went into producing these almost-daily meet and greets that have occurred since the start of the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

Yesterday, Decathlon Gold Medalist Bryan Clay made an appearance at the new APU/Citrus College station to greet Metro riders and display his hardware. Clay was at the top of the world for nearly a decade as he won the silver medal at the 2004 Athens games in the decathlon before winning the gold in Beijing and continuing as the "World's Greatest Athlete" until 2012. Azusa Pacific University is Clay's alma mater and where he serves as track and field coach.

Wednesday, 3-time gold medal Olympic softball player Lisa Fernandez brought all her accolades to the Metro Blue Line Downtown Long Beach Station to thank riders for going Metro and build enthusiasm for a bid by Los Angeles to host the 2024 Olympic Games. Fernandez was bedecked in gold medals from Atlanta (1996), Sydney (2000) and Athens (2004) and the glittering weight merely stoked her own Olympic spirit.

On Tuesday, 3-time gold medal track champion Valerie Brisco visited the 7th Street/Metro Center Station to thank commuters for going Metro and display her gold medal won in the 1984 Olympic games held in

Los Angeles. Brisco posed for hundreds of photos and signed autographs for two hours.

Lastly, one of the greatest Olympians in U.S. history, Rafer Johnson, made an emotional public appearance at the Metro Orange Line station in Chatsworth on Monday wearing the gold medal he earned winning the decathlon at the 1960 Rome games and earning the sobriquet "The World's Greatest Athlete." For the present-day generation of commuters, Rafer's dramatic lighting of the Olympic Flame during the Opening Ceremony of the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles was their most vivid memory.



Meeting with Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association

Wednesday evening, I attended the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA) monthly meeting and had the opportunity to share Metro's Traffic Improvement Plan with over 100 community members. I provided an overview of the San Fernando Valley projects in the Plan including the Sepulveda Pass, Orange Line improvements, Van Nuys Boulevard and others. I also discussed that the City of Los Angeles would receive significant revenues through local return that could fund traffic and street improvements. I responded to questions and comments about project delivery, oversight for the Plan, fare enforcement, improvements to transit and more.

Metro Senior Director of Parking Management Frank Ching addressed the audience's questions about parking at Metro Red and Orange Line stations. Several representatives for elected officials who represent Sherman Oaks were present including staff from the offices of LA County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Sheila Kuehl, U.S. Congressman Brad Sherman, Senator Robert Hertzberg, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian and Los Angeles City Councilmember David Ryu. I appreciated the opportunity to address this group that has a long standing history of active engagement with civic matters. Thanks to SOHA President Richard Close for the invitation and to Metro Community & Municipal Affairs for their efforts with this group.

North Hollywood Pedestrian Tunnel Opens to the Public

On Monday, Metro Chair and City of Duarte Councilmember John Fasana, Metro Vice Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Metro Board Member and City of Los Angeles Councilmember Paul Krekorian, U.S. Congressman Tony Cardenas and FTA Senior Transportation Program Specialist Ray Tellis joined Metro for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the North Hollywood Underpass Project. The brand new underground pedestrian passageway between the Metro Red and Orange Lines will provide a safe, convenient connection between these two important San Fernando Valley transit lines. Passengers will no longer need to cross the large and busy Lankershim Boulevard to make the transit connection. In addition to the major improvement in pedestrian safety, this project also offers time-savings benefits: it is estimated that the new tunnel will save transit riders four to five minutes of time in making their transit connections. The underpass fully complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and features two elevators as well as escalators and stairs. For more photos and information as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).



Exhibition of Metro Artist Portraits Reflects the Cultural Diversity of LA

A new exhibition in Union Station, “The Makers: Portraits of Metro artists whose work enriches the rider’s journey,” and a special series of Artist Conversations will provide a unique opportunity to learn about the remarkable range of artists creating distinctive works that add vibrancy and foster a sense of place within the Metro system. The portraits were created by accomplished artist Todd Gray, who lives along the Crenshaw/LAX Corridor. The artist is leading a special tour of the exhibition for Crenshaw Leadership Council members and guests prior to the first Artist Conversation on Thursday, August 25. Click [here](#) for a sneak peek of some of the portraits and for more details.

KCET Article Demonstrates Benefits of Including Artwork in the Transit System

For an article published this week by KCET about Metro's art program and the benefits of incorporating artwork into our transit system, click [here](#). The article noted several of our high-profile artworks and artists, and some of the back stories behind the work. Additionally, this snapshot of the program conveys how Metro Art has commissioned one of the most diverse range of artists of any public art program in the country.

Register for Mobile Workshops at 2016 APA California Conference

Metro staff will be participating as moderators and speakers for several mobile workshops during this year's American Planning Association (APA) California Conference taking place October 22 - 25, 2016. Metro is encouraging those interested in active transportation, community engagement, and the interface between transit infrastructure and communities to register for a Mobile Workshop on the [California APA website](#) or [Registration Page](#). A list of all mobile workshops taking place can be found [here](#).

Connect US Action Plan

Metro and the City of Los Angeles will be leading a Mobile Workshop on the Connect US Action Plan, the public improvement plan that prioritizes pedestrian and bicyclist connections to and from Los Angeles Union Station and the 1st/Central Regional Connector Station.

The Connect US Action Plan Mobile Workshop will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2016 between 8:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Mobile Workshop participants will get an opportunity to learn about the transformative transportation projects that spurred this effort, the critical role of community engagement, and the importance of multi-agency collaboration in planning and implementation. Additional \$55 fee applies, food stops will be included.

Boyle Heights Joint Development: A Collaborative Process

In this workshop, participants will take a rail and walking tour of two stations and three joint development sites on the Gold Line Eastside Extension in Boyle Heights. Each site posed a different set of challenges, including concerns related to gentrification, affordability, and having "true" community serving uses. Metro, along with community leaders from Boyle Heights, will discuss the importance of a collaborative community engagement process, what it takes to get a project approved from the ground up, and the challenges around funding affordable housing. This workshop will take place on Monday, October 24, 2016 from 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

The Crenshaw Corridor: Leveraging Public Investments to Implement Local Visions for TOCs

Envisioned as a way to stimulate economic growth and accommodate transit-dependent populations in the area after decades of disinvestment, the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project presents an abundance of diverse opportunities for Crenshaw Corridor communities as well as challenges and concerns. Via Metro bus, mobile workshop participants will examine economic growth opportunities and transit oriented development in progress along the line. Participants will also learn how cultural assets of a surrounding community affect development decisions.

This mobile workshop will take place Monday, October 24, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be moderated by Sherri Franklin of the Urban Design Center; Panelists include Metro Transportation Planning Manager Nicole Velasquez.

The Nuts and Bolts of the Foothill Gold Line Extension

Tour the recently opened Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension. Along a scenic light rail ride through the cities of Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Duarte, Irwindale, and Azusa, participants will hear about what goes into extending a line – from planning efforts to startup. Participants will then travel to tour the new maintenance yard guided by fleet and operations managers. Moderated by Metro Transportation Planning Manager Tamar Fuhrer, this workshop will take place Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

Procurement Postings

Transportation Asset Management Program/State of Goods Repair Program (RFP) - Small Business Prime
Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure consulting services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from August 16, 2016 through October 7, 2016.

Metro is seeking the services from an experienced contractor to provide consulting services to develop an IT oriented Transit Asset Management/State of Goods Repair Program for Metro's Information Technology Services Department.

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

Sound Wall and Transportation Building Restroom Renovation at Division 3 (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a contractor to perform Sound Wall Improvements and Transportation Building Restroom Renovation at Division 3. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 22, 2016 to November 31, 2016.

Sound Wall improvements include replacement of existing sound insulation with new sound insulation panels in the CNG Compound. Restroom Improvements include replacement of restroom wall and floor tiles, plumbing fixtures, countertops, partition stalls, related restroom accessories, lighting fixtures and upgrade existing exhaust system.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Brian P. Mahaffey, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7327.

Highway Program Project Delivery Support Services for Los Angeles County (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure architectural and engineering (A&E) services for project delivery support services for highway capital projects throughout Los Angeles County. Support services include, among other things, design plans, estimates, schedules, reports, risk assessments, grant writing support, and technical evaluations. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, August 24, 2016 through Monday, February 6, 2017.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by David Chia, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1064.

Metro Mobile Wheelchair Marking and Strapping Program (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the services of a contractor for its Mobile Wheelchair Marking and Strapping Program. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, August 17, 2016 through Monday, October 31, 2016.

Metro is seeking the services from an experienced contractor to develop and establish a mobile marking and strapping program with the goal of improving both the safety and efficiency of the securement process by offering wheelchair strapping and marking services at various facilities and locations throughout Los Angeles County.

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.

Metro Freeway Service Patrol Communication System (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services for designing, supplying and installing replacement of the existing Metro Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) Communication System. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from August 22, 2016 through February 7, 2017.

Metro will seek proposals from qualified firms to design, supply and install a fully operational replacement of the existing Metro FSP Communication System. This project requires an all-inclusive system implementation and deployment that will enhance and improve existing operations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Roxane Marquez, Principal Contracts Administrator at (213) 922-4147.

Arterial Performance Measurement Pilot (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the Arterial Performance Measurement Pilot.

This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, August 23, 2016 through Monday, November 14, 2016.

This RFP is for professional services to perform a proof of concept. In the fall of 2014, Metro launched a performance monitoring initiative to assess the feasibility of developing a countywide Arterial Performance Measurement Program. This initiated a framework to evaluate the needs, resources, and constraints in Los Angeles County. The project has demonstrated that the concept of a countywide Arterial Performance Measurement program is feasible and should be pursued. To test this feasibility, a pilot test needs to be conducted. A pilot will be tested within specific study boundaries and with a selected vendor analytical package.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Jesse Zepeda, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-4156.

Construction Notices - Patsaouras Plaza, Purple Line Extension, I-5

Patsaouras Plaza Bus Station Project: Vignes Street and I-101 On/Off Ramp Weekend Closure

- A full closure of Vignes St. between Ramirez St. and I-101 will be closed Saturday and Sunday, August 27 - 28 between 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Construction crews will be performing necessary work related to the Patsaouras Bus Plaza Station Project.
- Road detours and re-routing will be clearly marked.

Metro Purple Line Extension: Phase 3 Decking -- Wilshire Boulevard/La Brea Avenue

- Decking closures of Wilshire Blvd, east of La Brea Ave to Highland Ave continues this weekend.
- Closures begin Friday at 8:00 p.m. thru Monday at 6:00a.m.
- Local access for residents and businesses will be maintained.

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

"If you fail to prepare, you're prepared to fail."

~Mark Spitz, American Swimming Gold Medalist

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