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Talent Development Hosts 1st ELTP Metro Employer Roundtable Panel

Also yesterday, Metro Talent Development hosted their first Metro Employer's Roundtable Panel. The panel was convened to expose our Transportation Associates (TAs) in the Entry Level Trainee Program (ELTP) to a variety of industry professionals from Southern California. Some of the panelists included representatives from the City and the County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) as well as private companies such as, Union Pacific Railroad, Proterra and Universal Studios Hollywood. The TAs had the opportunity to receive first-hand information regarding the qualities they look for in an ideal employee. The panel concluded with a question and answer period where each representative explained their unique definition of business acumen and the TAs also had the opportunity to network with all attendees. Talent Development's panel is the first of many enhancements to Metro's ELTP. Special thanks to Marion Jane Colston, Sr. Director of Strategic & Organizational Planning and Tai Alimi, Sr. Talent & Development Specialist for executing a successful event; along with their two ELTP participants Ms. Candyce Fabre and Ms. Asiya Khawaja.



Metro-Funded Calabasas Park and Ride Lot Opens

On Wednesday, the City of Calabasas opened a new Park and Ride lot, which was fully funded with \$3.7 million of Measure R Highway Operational Funds. The lot eliminates a gap in the existing Park and Ride network north of Los Angeles and provides connections to Metro and LADOT bus service. The project features 51 stalls for cars, a bicycle shelter, a solar energy canopy and bio-swale and pervious concrete to capture surface runoff. This new lot is the latest in a series of Metro-funded Measure R investments to improve mobility in the Las Virgenes-Malibu region and reduce traffic demand on the U.S. 101, one of the most congested freeways in Los Angeles County. Earlier this year, Metro celebrated the opening of a Park & Ride Lot in Westlake Village, as well as the Agoura Road Widening Project in Agoura Hills and the Mulholland Highway Scenic Corridor Widening project in Calabasas.

Awards and Recognitions Come Rolling in for Metro Division 13 Project Team

It has been a busy awards season for the Division 13 project team. This past Tuesday, Division 13 was presented with an award for Best Project in the Civic Building category from the Southern California Development Forum. Earlier this month, the project also received the Water Innovation Award from the Los Angeles Chapter of the US Green Building Council; and in November, the Division 13 project received the 2016 "Excellence in Safety" Award from Engineering News Record for completing 350,000 work hours with no lost-time injuries. Lastly, the project team was notified this month that they will be receiving the Engineering Excellence Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies at their annual awards banquet in San Francisco on February 2, 2017. I want to congratulate the Division 13 team for the well-deserved honors on such an innovative project – Great work.

Rail Safety Ambassadors Receive Accolades through Metro's Twitter Account

I want to recognize our Rail Safety Ambassadors (RSA's) for working tirelessly every day to educate Metro patrons and the public on staying safe when near our light rail tracks and trains. At times, it can be a thankless job, but these retired bus and rail operators know that their work makes a positive difference. Through Metros' Twitter account, two of the Expo Line RSA's recently received accolades for their efforts in the communities they serve. One patron tweeted about Safety Ambassador Toni Harrells' "beautiful smile" greeting those at the 26th St./Bergamot Station in Santa Monica, making the start of their day bright and positive. A local resident near the Overland/Exposition crossing in West Los Angeles tweeted that Safety Ambassador Cary Hogan helps to create a sense of community with his "sincere warmth", greeting families heading to nearby Overland Elementary School. These interpersonal connections between our RSA's and the public exemplify how much our communities appreciate and value their dedication which ultimately saves lives.

Tunnel Boring Machine "Angeli" Lowering and Assembly Begins

Assembly of the Regional Connector Transit Project tunnel boring machine (TBM), Angeli, has commenced. The machine's heaviest components were lowered by a heavy-duty crane known as a gantry system. Each segment of the machine is lowered slowly into the launch pit and connected to build the 344 foot long machine. Efforts to lower and assemble the machine are ongoing with tunneling scheduled to begin in early 2017. For an interesting video of this TBM lowering process at our future 1st/Central Station in Little Tokyo, please click [here](#).

Metro Transit Savvy Kids Photo Makes the 2017 APTA Calendar

I am happy to announce that one of the photos Metro submitted to the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) 17th Annual Photo Invitational has been selected for the 2017 APTA calendar. The competition featured photos from a variety of public transportation agencies that featured people going to work, appointments, school, events, and countless other destinations; communities rallying around transit; and the economic benefits associated with new construction and transit-related jobs. The featured photo below was taken of transit savvy kids when Metro Transit Safety Programs partnered with the Los Angeles Dodgers to promote safety along the Blue, Expo and Gold Lines. Congratulations to Jill Weisleder for taking the winning shot.



21st Annual Metro Holiday Gift Giving Drive

Last week, I joined Metro staff at the culmination of the 21st Annual Metro Holiday Gift Giving Drive. This event, organized by the Diversity and Economic Development Department (DEOD), resulted in enough gifts to stuff an entire Metro bus. It is that time of year when we all think of giving something to the people in Los Angeles County who need a little extra cheer at Christmas. The toys Metro staff donated will brighten the mornings of children who may not know our names, but will be able to feel the joy and care we send them on their special day. I would like to say thank you to Metro staff for being so generous and bringing smiles to young faces all across LA County. A special thanks to the DEOD staff and especially to Deputy Executive Officer Tashai Smith, who has been the lead on this project since its inception.

Procurement Postings

Integrated Station Design Solutions (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services for Integrated Station Design Solutions. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from December 20, 2016 through July 6, 2017.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified consultant team to assist agency staff in the development of integrated design solutions for Metro Rail stations which address issues related to rider experiences.

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

Metro Green Line UPS (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure multiple types of Uninterrupted Power Supplies (UPS). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, December 16, 2016 through Thursday, April 20, 2017.

This procurement is for nineteen (19) UPS for Metro Green Line Stations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aryani L. Guzman, Assistant Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

Division 2 Transportation Building Roof Replacement (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) Friday, December 23, 2016, for Division 2 Transportation Building Roof Replacement per specifications on file at the Office of Procurement, 1 Gateway Plaza (9th Floor), Los Angeles, CA 90012. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, December 23, 2016 through Monday, January 30, 2017.

Metro is seeking a contractor to replace the roofing system at the Division 2 Transportation Building, located at 720 East 15th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021.

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.

Construction Notices: Purple Line Extension, - I-5

Metro Purple Line Extension Project: Lane Reductions -- Wilshire and Windsor Boulevard

- Friday, December 16 from 8:00 p.m. through Saturday, December 17 at noon, Wilshire Blvd. will be reduced to one lane in each direction between Crenshaw Blvd. and Arden Blvd.
- These lane reductions are necessary for k-rail and striping set up for the next jet grouting location.
- Additional intermittent closures will occur in the area to support the work.

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

“The time will come when winter will ask you what you were doing all summer.”

~ Henry Clay

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