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Brighton to Roxford Double Track Project Community Meeting/Open House in Burbank

Yesterday evening, Metro Regional Rail hosted a community meeting/open house at St. Leon Armenian Cathedral in Burbank to provide the public with an introduction and overview of the Brighton to Roxford Double Track Project. Approximately 30 community members and local area stakeholders were in attendance, including representatives from the elected offices of LA County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Kathryn Barger, LA City Councilmember and Metro Board Member Paul Krekorian, and California State Senator Anthony Portantino's office as well as representatives from the City of Burbank, Sun Valley and Pacoima Neighborhood Councils, Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, Transit Coalition, and others.

The Brighton to Roxford Double Track project is studying the possibility of adding a second main line rail track to an approximately 11-mile single track transportation corridor in East San Fernando Valley. The corridor runs between Hollywood Way in the City of Burbank and through the cities of Los Angeles and San Fernando, to Roxford Street in Sylmar. Adding the second mainline track would create over 25 miles of continuous double track from Downtown Los Angeles to San Fernando Valley. The anticipated benefits of the project include improved regional rail service and mobility to meet future transportation demand, improve on-time performance of commuter trains, and enhance safety on the rail corridor. Additionally, the project would be designed to Quiet Zone-ready standards and specifications, providing the opportunity for cities to pursue Quiet Zone areas along the alignment. Metro is funding this study and is the owner of this

rail corridor.

Metro is collaborating with Metrolink as well as the Cities of Los Angeles, San Fernando and Burbank through the development of this environmental study and preliminary design. A Study Session on this project with the City of San Fernando Council preceded this community meeting as well as a legislative briefing for staff from State, Federal, and City offices. Additional funds would need to be identified to allow for construction. [Click here](#) to visit the project fact sheet for more information.

Metro Emergency Security Operations Center Community Meeting and Meet-the-Artist

On Wednesday, Metro Senior Executive Officer of Regional Rail Jeanet Owens and Chief Systems, Security and Law Enforcement Officer Alex Wiggins presented to the community at a meeting held for Metro's new Emergency Security Operations Center (ESOC) located in downtown Los Angeles, not far from the Gateway Building. Over 50 stakeholders attended including a representative from Director Paul Krekorian's office. This meeting allowed members of the community to learn about the building design, [meet the artist](#) commissioned for the project, learn about his approach to the artwork opportunity, and share their input with members of the project team.

The new ESOC will serve as the central location for Metro security operations/radio dispatch and Emergency Operations Center. Metro is also planning to integrate the Rail and Bus Operations Centers into the facility in Phase 2. This will be a secured facility for authorized personnel only. The building design is targeting a Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED)-Silver building at a minimum. A site-specific artwork will also be integrated into the building facade. Metro is planning more rounds of public outreach in the Arts District and Little Tokyo to gather feedback on the building design and artwork as the project team completes preliminary engineering design this Spring. Final design and construction is scheduled to begin in 2018. For more information, visit the project page [here](#).

Media Tour of the Regional Connector's Tunnel Boring Machine

On Wednesday, I joined Metro Chair John Fasana, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker and other officials and the news media for a photo opportunity and media tour of "Angeli" the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) that has recently been assembled underground to start tunneling operations on the Regional Connector Transit Project. The TBM, manufactured in Germany by Herrenknecht AG, weighs approximately 1,000 tons, is 400 feet long and is 21.5 feet in diameter. It will advance about 60 feet per day once digging starts later this month and will take a year to excavate the twin 1.1-mile tunnels.



City of Glendale Hosts Transportation and Mobility Summit

On Tuesday evening, Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins joined Metro Board Director and Glendale City Councilmember Ara Najarian for a special “City Council in Your Neighborhood” Transportation/Mobility Summit. Over 75 Glendale residents turned out to hear City staff present the South Glendale Community Plan and why public transit is important to the City’s plans for future growth and development. Director Najarian and DCEO Wiggins provided an update on how the passage of Measure M will benefit the City of Glendale and on Metro projects and efforts that will improve regional connectivity. The panel also included representatives from Metrolink, the California High Speed Rail Authority, Eco-Rapid Transit and the Glendale Chamber of Commerce. We thank Director Najarian and the Glendale City Council for the opportunity for Metro to participate in this program.

Metro Joins Martin Luther King Jr. Kingdom Day Parade

This past Monday, Metro was proud to be a featured participant at this year's 32nd Annual Kingdom Day Parade, where an estimated 2 million TV viewers watched our beautiful 1950's bus cruise by, adorned with banners displaying an inspirational image and quote from the great civil rights icon, Rosa Parks. Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker dressed in 1950's fashion to honor Parks as she waved to the cheering crowds along the 3-mile route that overlaps with our Crenshaw/LAX Project. The 1950's bus was a replica of the one Ms. Parks was arrested on while making her historic stance for equality on December 1, 1955. See a video of the special event [here](#).

Director Dupont-Walker was joined by Metro staff and local students who learned about Parks and the important role transportation played in the Civil Rights movement. Many were surprised to learn that Parks lived in Los Angeles' Crenshaw district -- just a few short miles from the parade route. Student participants came from Crenshaw High School, Washington Prep High School, and Lula Washington Dance Theater. Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce (GLAACC) and Nestle, Inc. also participated. A special thanks goes to the Metro staff: JC Lacey with Construction Relations, Mimi Long with DEOD and Tom Helliwell with Bus Operations for arranging our participation in this very significant event.



Metro Artist Receives 2017 Distinguished Artist Award for Lifetime Achievement

Metro artist Faith Ringgold has been named the recipient of the 2017 Distinguished Artist Award for Lifetime Achievement from a prestigious national art association. The award is given annually to artists, critics, curators, and historians who have had a significant impact on the art world. The 86-year old Ringgold created a vibrant artwork for Metro's Civic Center/Grand Park Station in 2010, enlivening the transit experience for our customers.

Last year, Ringgold was honored as being one of the top "five artists who have transformed the art world over the last 50 years" by ARTnews, the oldest and most widely circulated art magazine in the world. Read more about the artist on [The Source](#).



Eat Shop Play's Fortune Fridays Contest

Metro's Eat Shop Play (ESP) campaign has started a new social media contest to support businesses impacted by construction along the Crenshaw/LAX Line, the Purple Line Extension Phase 1, and the Regional Connector Project. "Fortune Fridays" is designed to increase loyalty by offering prizes to customers who support impacted businesses via social media. Customers of businesses near Metro rail construction can post creative photos and supportive messages to Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter using #EatShopPlay and the neighborhood hashtags: #Crenshaw, #DTLA, #Wilshire, #Inglewood, and #LittleTokyo. Every Friday, ESP selects one customer from each project area to win a limited edition 7-Day Metro TAP card. For more details as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).

Metro is Prepared for the Los Angeles Women's March

Tomorrow, January 21, the Los Angeles Women's March will be taking place in Downtown Los Angeles, from Pershing Square to Los Angeles City Hall. The public should expect traffic delays as well as bus detours as the City of Los Angeles will implement street closures. Metro staff has received reports anticipating up to 150,000 participants with many expected to use the Metro system for transportation to and from the event. Activists from Friday's Presidential Inauguration are expected to continue demonstrations into Saturday, joining the Women's March. Metro has been planning on all fronts for large crowds and for the unexpected, and will be prepared to keep our system moving safely. For more information on operation details and transportation options as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).

Procurement Postings

Center Windshields (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure center windshields. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, January 25, 2017 through Monday, July 31, 2017.

This procurement is for the purchase of center windshields needed to maintain Metro bus fleet and avoid disruption in revenue service. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed unit competitive price.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1018.

Oxygen - Sensors (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure oxygen sensors. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, January 24, 2017 through Monday, July 31, 2017.

This procurement is for the purchase of oxygen sensors needed to maintain Metro bus fleet and to avoid disruption in revenue service. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure the availability at a fixed unit competitive price.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1018.

Pavement Replacement at Division 7 (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Pavement Replacement at Division 7. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, January 23, 2017 through Thursday, March 23, 2017.

Metro is seeking a contractor to remove and replace the existing concrete pavement at Metro's Division 7 located at 8800 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

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

Design Build of Division 1 Maintenance Annex Building (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure the design, construction, equipment installation and testing of the Annex Maintenance Building including site improvements at 1130 East 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021, Metro Division 1. **The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday February 16, 2017 to Thursday March 23, 2017.

The Division 1 Maintenance Building has insufficient service bays for bus maintenance. The intent of this project is to improve safety and efficiency of Metro vehicle repair.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Wonder E. Van Twist, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7325.

Audit Services Bench FY2018 - FY2022 (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure audit services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from January 19, 2017 through April 30, 2017.

Metro is seeking the services of CPA/Audit firms to provide attestation reviews, agreed upon procedures reviews, performance audits, fluctuating workload requirements support, conducting large complex audits, and other consulting services on an as-needed basis.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Barbara A. Gatewood, Principal Contracts Administrator, at (213) 922-7317.

Construction Notices: Purple Line Extension, I-5

Metro Purple Line Extension Project: Utility Work -- Wilshire/La Brea Intersection

Starting Saturday, January 21 – Sunday, January 22, utility work will occur at Wilshire Blvd. and La Brea Ave. Work will involve trenching to complete utility connection. Work hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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

“No person has the right to rain on your dreams.”

~ Marian Wright Edelman

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