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### **Downtown 7th St/Metro Center Station: Breaking Down the Wall to the Bloc**

On Tuesday, Metro Chair John Fasana and Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker joined Los Angeles City Councilmember Jose Huizar, Hollywood celebrity and environmentalist Ed Begley Jr., and executives and partners of the Ratkovich Company to officially open a jointly funded new pedestrian passageway at the busy 7th Street/Metro Center Station. The passageway connects the station's mezzanine with The Bloc (formerly Macy's Plaza) on the southern side of 7th Street in the Financial District of Downtown Los Angeles. The portal opening represents the first time Metro has created a public-private partnership to directly connect a station with a private building, and is a precursor to additional opportunities for similar connections elsewhere on the Metro system. The 25-foot-long passageway is anticipated to better meet growing rider demand and improve pedestrian safety.



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## Metro's Transit-Supportive Planning Toolkit Launch

This Week, we launched Metro's [Transit-Supportive Planning Toolkit](#) - a transformative research-based resource for planning and creating transit supportive places. The Toolkit is a comprehensive online tool that includes locally-relevant best practices, tools, and case studies. The Toolkit was informed by research and input from elected officials and local practitioners through a series of Advisory Forums and Workshops. The Toolkit is intended for local jurisdictions, advocates, developers, and anyone interested in integrating transportation and land use planning towards the adoption of transit supportive regulations that promote equitable, sustainable and transit mobility in Los Angeles County. We encourage you to take your time exploring the Toolkit and recommend using Chrome and Firefox browsers for maximum operation. Please contact Elizabeth Carvajal at [carvajale@metro.net](mailto:carvajale@metro.net) or Desiree Portillo-Rabinov at [rabinovd@metro.net](mailto:rabinovd@metro.net) if you have any comments or questions.

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## Service Alert: Bus Shuttles Replace Expo Rail Service between Culver City and Expo/Bundy

Due to scheduled Expo Line maintenance, rail [service](#) between Culver City and Expo/Bundy Stations will be replaced with Local and Express Shuttle bus service. Station closures and bus shuttle service will begin Friday, February 10, at 9:00 p.m. and will continue through the close of regular service on Sunday, February 12. These station closures are necessary to allow work crews to begin one-year warranty repairs and upgrades. This will be the first of two weekends in February that work will be conducted on portions of the Expo Line.

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## Get Your Measure M Commemorative TAP Card

Starting Wednesday, February 15, limited edition Measure M Thank You TAP cards will be available for purchase. Customers may purchase from select TAP vending machines beginning February 15 and from Metro Customer Centers beginning Friday, February 24, while supplies last. My team and I sincerely thank everyone who played a role in the planning and success of Measure M. This historic ballot measure will enable long term mobility advancements in LA County. This card is a special thank you to all of the folks who voted for Measure M. Now, let's get to work!



### Fall in Love with Metro: Metro Art Offers Valentine's Themed Art Tour and Tango Event

The art program is offering two special Valentine's themed events in the coming days. On Sunday, in collaboration with The Independent Shakespeare Company, Metro will offer a tour along the Gold Line Extension. Tour attendees will view works of art in rail stations and be regaled with scenes from select Shakespearian plays on the theme of love. On Valentine's Day itself, we will present an evening of tango at Union Station including a dance lesson, milonga (tango social dancing), a live band and professional dance performances. Both free events have garnered plenty of social media buzz. For more details as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).



### Metro's Talent and Creativity Goes Beyond Transportation

At Metro, we are proud of the diversity, talent and creativity within our workforce. "The Poet's Corner" is an annual event held by the African American Employee Association (AAEA) during February in honor of Black History Month. This year the event will also include artwork in celebration of the event's third-year anniversary. This year's "Poet's Corner and Art Display" event is open to all Metro employees that wish to showcase their own work or the work of others on Wednesday, February 22 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in presenting your work or reciting the work of others, please contact Diane Frazier at Ext. 2-1101 or via email at [frazierd@metro.net](mailto:frazierd@metro.net) or Marilyn Palacios at Ext. 2-7137 or via email at [palacism@metro.net](mailto:palacism@metro.net).

## **Procurement Postings**

### Regional Transportation System Operations Analysis (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure consulting services in support of Regional Transportation system Operations Analysis. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, February 10, 2017 through April 28, 2017.

Services being procured are to perform an operations analysis of the Regional Transportation System.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by W. T. (Ted) Sparkuhl, Principal Contracts Administrator, (213) 922-7399.

### Metal Canopies at Divisions 3, 5, 18 and CMF (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure the construction services necessary for the complete installation of structural steel canopies. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, February 13, 2017 to Thursday, May 25, 2017.

Metal canopies will provide additional work areas for employees, coverage over metal trash bins and protection over stored materials and equipment.

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.

### Vertical Storage Equipment On-Call Preventative Maintenance Services (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure preventative maintenance services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, February 9, 2017 through Monday, June 12, 2017.

This procurement is for preventative maintenance services for vertical storage equipment.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lorretta Norris, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2362.

### Separator Assembly (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure separator assemblies. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, February 14, 2017 through Friday, June 30, 2017.

This procurement is for the purchase of separator assemblies needed to maintain the fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, 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.

### Tree Trimming Services for Metro Transit Facilities - Excluding Orange Line (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure tree trimming services for Metro Transit Facilities (excluding Metro Orange Line). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, February 16, 2017 through Thursday, May 25, 2017.

Metro is seeking a qualified licensed Contractor to provide tree trimming services for Metro properties system-wide within Los Angeles County.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Rommel Hilario, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4654.

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## **Construction Notices: Purple Line Extension Project, Regional Connector Project, I-5**

### Purple Line Extension Project: Full Closure of Wilshire -- Fairfax to Spaulding

Starting Friday, February 10 at 8:00 p.m. through Monday, February 13, at 6:00 a.m. there will be a full closure of Wilshire Blvd. from Fairfax Ave. to Spaulding Ave. to support the start of the Fairfax decking operation. Detours and signage will be in place.

### Regional Connector Transit Project: Concrete Placement -- 2nd/Hope Station

Work activity to place concrete slabs in the 2nd/Hope Station is anticipated to begin Tuesday, February 14 and will continue on select dates for approximately three months. Anticipated work hours are from 3:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

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"You can't lead the people if you don't love the people.

You can't save the people if you don't serve the people"

- Dr. Cornel West

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