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Grand Opening of Groundwork Coffee at Historic Lankershim Depot

This morning, Metro Chair John Fasana joined Metro Board Member and Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Groundwork Coffee Executive Jeff Chean and other officials from the community and stakeholders to celebrate the official grand opening of Groundwork Coffee's newest establishment located in the historic Lankershim Depot near the Orange Line and Red Line North Hollywood Stations. The Los Angeles-based coffee company has operated several coffee shops in the region for over 25 years and recently completed on-the-job training for local employees to work the new location.

Groundwork Coffee is the first tenant to occupy Lankershim Depot in over six decades. The depot closed permanently to public use in 1952. In 2014, Metro completed a \$3.6 million restoration of the train depot. About 70 percent of the original structure was completely rehabilitated, with contractors completing a new building foundation and roof, electric and plumbing systems, platforms, signage and seismic upgrades. Overall, this restoration and development project is an incredible benefit to commuters and community residents to stop in for some coffee and food as they move about their day. For a video and more information as posted on The Source, click [here](#).

Recognizing February Operations Employees of the Month

Yesterday, during the System Safety, Security & Operations Committee Meeting, we recognized two outstanding employees of the month, Ms. Audrey Hollie, Blue Line Train Operator and Mr. Albert Gonzalives, Mechanic 'A' Leader at Division 13.

Ms. Hollie has been with Metro for six years, beginning her career in 2011. She is a hardworking and motivated train operator. Ms. Hollie is dedicated and always puts the safety of her passengers first. She consistently goes above and beyond her duties while operating one of Metro's heaviest lines.

Mr. Gonzalives has an impressive 40 years of experience with Metro, beginning his career in 1977. He does an excellent job in completing maintenance work and ensures all critical documentation is performed. Mr. Gonzalives is hardworking and very helpful; he not only assigns work, but assists his fellow employees in completing the work. Metro Operations was honored to recognize these employees as February Employees of the Month.



The Vintage 'Rosa Parks Bus' Makes a Few Stops

On Wednesday, Metro's Eat Shop Play team visited Washington Prep High School in our beautiful 1950's vintage bus to honor Rosa Parks and the important role public transportation played in the Civil Rights Movement. The bus was decorated with large banners of Rosa Parks and the inspirational quote, "Each person must live their lives as a model for others". A special thanks goes to Washington Prep High School for celebrating Black History Month with Metro in this unique way and great job to the Crenshaw/LAX Project team for pulling this event together.

Next stop for the "Rosa Parks Bus" will be right here at Gateway on our Patsauoras Plaza. All are welcome aboard on Thursday, February 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the main entrance of Metro headquarters for a unique opportunity to take photos and receive info about Rosa Parks. Thanks to Metro's African American Employee Association (AAEA) for supporting this effort.



Community Meetings on the Gold Line Eastside Phase 2 Transit Corridor Project Study

This week, Metro Staff wrapped up a series of five community meetings on the Eastside Phase 2 Transit Corridor Project Study that is evaluating how to extend the Metro Gold Line further east from its current terminus at Atlantic Bl./Pomona Bl. in East Los Angeles. Approximately 280 stakeholders attended the meetings held in the cities of Whittier, Montebello, South El Monte, Commerce and unincorporated East Los Angeles. Numerous elected officials also participated, including Whittier City Councilmember Fernando Dutra, Montebello Mayor Vivian Romero and Councilmember Vanessa Delgado, South El Monte Council Member Joseph Gonzalez, and Commerce City Council Member Hugo Argumendo. At the meetings, Metro staff shared preliminary findings of an 18-month Technical Analysis that:

- Address comments received from agency partners, including US Environmental Protection Agency, Caltrans, US Army Corps of Engineers, CA Fish and Wildlife and Southern California Edison regarding the State Route 60 (SR-60) Alternative.
- Identify a potential new north-south route that could connect to the Washington Bl. Alternative.
- Explore the potential of operating both the SR-60 and Washington Bl. Alternatives together.

For additional information, please visit: www.metro.net/eastsidephase2.

Great Turnout and Media Coverage for Metro Art Valentine's Day Events

Last Sunday, a well-attended tour explored artworks at new Gold Line stations interspersed with short scenes from love-themed Shakespearean plays, performed by actors from the Independent Shakespeare Company. Then, on Valentine's Day itself, over 500 visitors to Union Station were treated to a dance lesson, milonga (tango social dancing), a live band and professional dance performances. Both of these free events generated social media buzz and the tango presentation was covered by TV news media from KTLA, KABC and KVEA (Telemundo). More photos of the event can be found [here](#).

All Hands Meeting: 2nd Annual Celebrating Excellence in the Workplace

Next Friday, February 24, Metro's Talent Acquisition department is hosting our 2nd Annual Celebrating Excellence in the Workplace awards ceremony at 9:00 a.m.(doors open at 8:30 a.m.) at the beautiful Orpheum Theatre in Downtown Los Angeles. If you did not make it last year, I highly encourage you to not miss this one. This is a great event to celebrate the important and rewarding work that you all do providing critical services to Los Angeles County. The talented Metro Express band will be on stage performing great live music, your colleagues and teammates will be receiving awards in various categories on-stage, and light refreshments will be available. There are a few ways to get there including our own shuttle service from 7th St/Metro Center Station. Also, Metro bus lines 2/302, 4, 35/38, 45, and Metro Rapid 745. For a detailed map to the Orpheum Theatre, please click [here](#).



Procurement Postings

Contracted Transportation Services - East Region (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure contracted transportation services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday February 20, 2017 through Thursday, May 4, 2017.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is requesting proposals for the contracted operation of local transit lines in the Gateway Cities and San Gabriel Valley region.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Antwaun Boykin, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1056

Contracted Transportation Services - South Region (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure contracted transportation services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday February 20, 2017 through Thursday, May 4, 2017.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is requesting proposals for the contracted operation of local transit lines in the Gateway Cities and South Bay region

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Antwaun Boykin, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1056.

Carpet Flooring Installation and Repair Services (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) seeking a qualified licensed carpet flooring contractor for the installation and repair maintenance services throughout Metro bus and rail facilities (excluding the Union Station Gateway Headquarters). The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, February 22, 2017 through April 15, 2017.

Metro is seeking qualified licensed carpet flooring contractor for the installation and repair maintenance services throughout Metro bus and rail facilities (excluding the Union Station Gateway Headquarters). Current carpet at Metro facilities consists of a broadloom (rolled) style carpet in various patterns and colors, and primarily located in offices, conference rooms, and training rooms. This contract does not include cleaning services. Cleaning services are performed by Metro personnel within Facilities Maintenance (FM).

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.

Oxygen NTK Harness Sensor (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure oxygen NTK harness sensor. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, February 22, 2017 through Friday, June 30, 2017.

This procurement is for the purchase of oxygen NTK harness sensor for the Cummins engines is 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.

Pressure Sensor (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure temperature sensor. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, February 23, 2017 through Friday, June 30, 2017.

This procurement is for the purchase of pressure sensor for the Cummins engines is 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.

Temperature Sensor (IFB)

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Construction Notices: Purple Line Extension Project, I-5

Purple Line Extension Project: Fairfax Decking, Phase 1 -- Wilshire Blvd. between Fairfax and Spaulding

Due to heavy rain this upcoming weekend, the full closure of Wilshire Blvd. between Fairfax Ave. and Spaulding Ave. to support the Fairfax decking operation will be reduced in duration.

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

"A room without books is like a body without a soul."

- Marcus Tullius Cicero

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