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It's Not an Easy Job: Transit Driver Appreciation Day 2017

Today, we recognize those on the front lines of our core business with the rest of the country for National Transit Driver Appreciation Day. This national event is celebrated annually to show thanks for the essential work and service provided by bus and rail operators. On a daily basis, operators at Metro keep safety as a number one priority, deliver quality customer service, give guidance and directions, remember requests and other helpful gestures all while operating a very large vehicle through unpredictable traffic, striving to maintain a schedule.

Metro Operations and Human Capital teams worked together to produce activities to honor and recognize our operators in alignment with this event. We have created a website, metro.net/appreciation where customers are able to commend operators who they feel provide excellent service on their commute. Customers are also invited to visit the official Transit Driver Appreciation Day [webpage](#) to learn more about how to share recognition through social media and an opportunity to print out and personalize a Thank You card. To the bus and rail operators, and the mechanics that keep their vehicles moving, Metro thanks you and appreciates your focus, your talent, and the hard work that goes into safely driving our customers to and from the places they need to be.



DASH Bus Service Expands to Griffith Observatory on Weekdays

Yesterday, Metro Board Chair John Fasana and Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Member Eric Garcetti joined City of Los Angeles Councilmember David Ryu, LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds and LA Recreation and Parks (LARAP) General Manager Mike Shull at Griffith Observatory for a press event to announce that the City of Los Angeles will begin weekday DASH bus service to Griffith Observatory and the Greek Theatre starting Tuesday, March 21, 2017. The new DASH Observatory bus service, operated by LADOT, will now run seven days a week, including Mondays when the Observatory is closed. Hours of operation will be noon – 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on weekends.

By connecting the LADOT shuttle service to Metro’s Red Line Station at Sunset and Vermont, it will open the door to additional opportunities for riders to experience all the amenities offered at Griffith Park and the Observatory. LADOT’s expanded shuttle service now bridges the first/last mile gap and will benefit users of both systems to get where they need to go. This effort to improve access and reduce traffic congestion is a joint collaboration between Metro, LADOT, LARAP, and Friends of the Observatory.

You can find more information on the DASH Observatory Bus, [here](#). Also, a video from the event was posted on LADOT’s Facebook page [here](#).



Mobility 21 Hosts California Transportation Commission

On Wednesday, I attended a reception at the historic Union Station Ticketing Concourse with members of the California Transportation Commission (CTC) hosted by our partners at Mobility 21. Metro Board Chair John Fasana kicked-off the evening with his opening remarks, followed by speeches from CTC Vice Chair Fran Inman and CTC Commissioner Yvonne Burke. By programming and funding billions of dollars to transportation projects, our CTC Commissioners directly impact the development and preservation of the

State's transportation infrastructure. I enjoyed re-connecting with some of my colleagues, while meeting some new faces and I look forward to our continued collaboration with the CTC, Los Angeles Area Chamber and Mobility 21.

It's More Than Being Green: Climate Resolve Presents Coolest in L.A. 2017

Also on Wednesday, I joined Metro Board Chair John Fasana and Metro staff to receive on behalf of our agency, the Coolest in LA Award from Climate Resolve for Metro's overall efforts to reduce criteria air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions. Our agency will have a tremendous opportunity to transform our region through Measure M, and with sustainability initiatives in full implementation, our region is on track to become "cooler" than anywhere else in the nation. A video from Climate Resolve for Coolest in LA can be viewed, [here](#).

How do we further accelerate this trend? We are currently forming the Metro Sustainability Council which seeks to sit 30 multi-sectoral representatives from various stakeholder groups including government, non-profit, building trade organizations, developers, non-governmental organizations, academia, foreign government, and the contracting community to advise our agency regarding sustainability-related activities and projects. The Council aims to continually improve sustainability efforts by developing targets, metrics, and strategies to help Metro achieve stated sustainability program goals. More information on the Council can be found [here](#).

In addition, we have set a goal to create a cadre of 500 certified sustainability professionals within Metro and up to 1,000 community sustainability professionals in the contracting community in five years through Envision and G-Pro training. Our vision is to create environmental and sustainability certified professionals who are already experts in their own fields to better implement the principles of sustainability in all that we do. More information on this training can be found, [here](#).

Burbank Airport - North Metrolink Station Community Meeting

On Tuesday, Metro held a construction kick-off community meeting to discuss the much anticipated new Burbank Airport – North Metrolink Station, serving the Antelope Valley Line between the Sun Valley and Downtown Burbank Metrolink Stations. Construction is expected to begin on March 21, 2017.

The meeting, held at the Buena Vista Public Library in the City of Burbank, had over 70 participants, including a live webcast. Various elected officials and representatives attended the meeting including City of Burbank, Mayor Jess Talamantes, Vice Mayor Will Rogers, and Burbank Councilmember Bob Frutos. Additionally, the Offices of Senator Anthony Portantino, Assemblymember Tom Lackey and Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian were also represented.

Key stakeholder organizations were also in attendance including the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, Burbank Transportation Commission, California High-Speed Rail Authority, California Democratic Party, EcoRapid Tran and the Santa Clarita Valley Young Democrats.

The Project team and contractor C.A. Rasmussen, Inc., discussed various project aspects including objectives and goals, construction schedule, station operations and amenities, future connectivity plans and improvements. Following presentations, staff answered questions and held an open house.

The new Burbank Airport - North Metrolink Station will be located at the northwest corner of Hollywood Way and San Fernando Rd/Bl within the cities of Los Angeles and Burbank. The station will be approximately one mile from the Hollywood Burbank Airport terminal and once the station is operational,

the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena- Airport Authority will operate a free shuttle bus linking the terminal to the station. This new station will be within walking distance to the future airport terminal and proposed mixed-use development, and will feature a side platform with passenger amenities including a passenger information phone, ticket vending machines, seating, bike racks, and LED display boards showing train, flight, and bus arrival and departure times.



American Public Transportation Association Legislative Conference

Earlier this week, I was in Washington D.C. for the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) 2017 Legislative Conference at the JW Marriot Hotel. With the change in the Federal Administration and in Congress, this was an important time for transportation officials from across the country to convene for an update on federal legislation and policy initiatives, and discuss what the future may hold for all of us. This conference was also an opportunity to come together to try to shape the future of our industry by providing direction, proposals, and voicing our needs and concerns to key members of Congress, Administration officials and staffers in Washington. I want to thank Metro Chair John Fasana and the various Metro Board Members and representatives from their offices for coming out to Washington D.C. to support our efforts.

Procurement Postings

Backflow Device Testing, Maintenance and Repair Services (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to provide backflow device testing, maintenance, and repair service throughout Metro bus and rail transit facilities. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, March 23, 2017 through Thursday, August 24, 2017.

Metro is seeking qualified contractor to provide backflow device testing, maintenance, and repair service throughout Metro bus and rail transit facilities. There are approximately 365 backflow devices throughout Metro facilities that require annual testing and as needed repairs, as dictated by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, the Los Angeles Fire Marshall and other authorities having jurisdiction.

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.

In-Ground Heavy Duty Hydraulic Lifts Parts, Repair and Training (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) seeking a qualified firm to provide parts, training and as-

needed labor necessary to repair and maintain 151 in-ground heavy-duty hydraulic lifts for buses at Metro Bus Operating Divisions and Central Maintenance Facility. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, March 20, 2017 through Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

Metro represented labor employees are the first responders to all hydraulic lift inquiries. If repairs cannot be addressed in-house, Metro division staff will contact Facility Maintenance Trouble desk to request Contractor's support.

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.

Natural Gas Fueled Heavy Duty Bus Engines (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Natural Gas Fueled Heavy Duty Bus Engines. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 17, 2017 through Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

The purpose of the project is to acquire Near-Zero Emissions Natural Gas Bus Engines for Metro's bus fleet.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Edmund Gonzales, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3073.

Division 9 Maintenance Annex Building (IFB)

Metro released a an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a contractor to construct a new maintenance building that will add four more service bays to accommodate both standard and articulated buses. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 17, 2017 through June 5, 2017.

The current maintenance building was constructed in 1975 and is no longer adequate for the bus traffic.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Noelle Valenzuela, Assistant Contract Administrator at 213-922-3647.

Parking Structures Lighting System Upgrades (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure 5 upgraded lighting systems at four parking structures. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, March 20, 2017 through Monday, May 8, 2017.

Metro is upgrading the lighting systems at four parking structures, consisting of Atlantic, Willow, Sierra Madre Villa and La Cienega Jefferson, to ensure safety and to save energy.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tamara Reid, Senior Manager, Contract Administration, at (213) 922-7215.

Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a qualified Architectural and Engineering firm to provide design services for the Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements project. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, March 20, 2017 through Thursday, July 6, 2017.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified consultant team to transform the passenger experience for those travelling to and from LAUS as pedestrians and bicyclists in order to re-establish the connection between LAUS and the surrounding communities.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lily Lopez, Contract Administration Manager at (213) 922-4639.

Cesar Chavez/Fickett Joint Development Opportunity (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking proposals for the Joint Development Opportunity

for Cesar Chavez/Fickett Station. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 20, 2017 through October 5, 2017.

Metro seeks a qualified and experienced development team capable of designing, financing, constructing and operating an integrated mixed-use development uniquely tailored to meet the vision and needs of the Boyle Heights community.

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

Mariachi Plaza Joint Development Opportunity (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking proposals for the Joint Development Opportunity for Mariachi Plaza Station. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 20, 2017 through October 5, 2017.

Metro seeks a qualified and experienced development team capable of designing, financing, constructing and operating an integrated mixed-use development uniquely tailored to meet the vision and needs of the Boyle Heights community.

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

Construction Notices: Purple Line Extension Project, I-5

Purple Line Extension Project: Weekend Wilshire Blvd Full Closure - Fairfax Ave. to Spaulding Ave
Beginning Friday, March 17 at 8pm thru Monday, March 19 at 6am, there will be a full closure of Wilshire Blvd. from Fairfax Ave. to Spaulding Ave. to support the start of the Fairfax decking operation.

Purple Line Extension Project: Weekend Wilshire Blvd Full Closure - Crenshaw Blvd.
From Friday, March 17, 8pm to Monday, March 20, 6am, there will be a closure on eastbound Wilshire Blvd. at Crenshaw Blvd. to support jet grout construction.

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

"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor
and attended to with diligence"

- Abigail Adams

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