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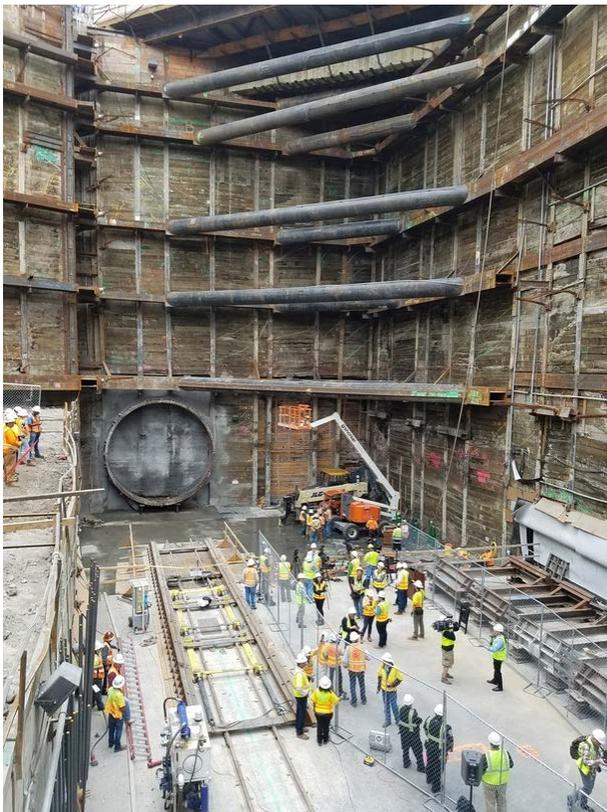
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Angeli Breaks Through at the Future Grand Avenue Arts/Bunker Hill Station

Yesterday, Metro Chair and City of Duarte Mayor Pro Tem John Fasana joined community stakeholders, Metro staff, media and Regional Connector construction crews to witness Angeli, the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) for the Regional Connector Transit Project, breakthrough the earth to enter into the station box for the future Grand Avenue Arts/Bunker Hill Station. The TBM was lowered into the ground near the Little Tokyo/Arts District Station at 1st and Central, downtown Los Angeles, this past winter and began tunnel mining in early February 2017. This project milestone showcased one of the deepest stations in the Metro Rail system, approximately 110 feet below the surface in the heart of downtown Los Angeles (DTLA).

This breakthrough marks a significant completion of the first tunnel. The TBM will now be repositioned to continue digging on to 4th Street and Flower to complete the first of twin tunnels. The \$1.75-billion Regional Connector Transit Project is a 1.9-mile underground light-rail tunnel that will connect the Blue, Expo and Gold Lines in DTLA and will include three new stations at 1st Street/Central Avenue, 2nd Street/Broadway and 2nd Place/Hope Street. The project will reduce the need for light rail riders to transfer and speed up trips to and through DTLA. A video of the breakthrough can be viewed on The Source, [here](#).



Meet our Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department

On Wednesday, Metro employees got a chance to step away from their tasks and offices to learn about Metro's Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) at a "State Fair" themed event that took place on the Plaza of Gateway Headquarters. DEOD held this celebration to close out another successful Small Business Month and promoted their vision of inclusion – both from our workforce and our small business partners. Employees enjoyed live music by the New Orleans' Traditional Jazz Band provided by Metro Arts Presents, carnival food, games and prizes. I hope you all got a chance to stop by.

Metro Pop-Up Shop Launches at Bike Night

Last Friday night, the Metro Store officially re-launched as *The Metro Shop*, a pop-up Metro merchandise shop that will make appearances at Union Station and community events, and will specialize in high-quality merchandise. Metro will also launch an Online Shop for a 12-month pilot program starting in July. Employees will have the opportunity to shop the new merchandise before we go live at Metro's Bus Division 7 for Los Angeles' LGBT Pride Festival in West Hollywood on Sunday, June 11. The Employee Pop-Up Shop will be held at Gateway from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 P.M. on Thursday, June 8, in the southwest corner of the Third Floor Lobby. Items available for purchase at a 10% employee discount will be:

- Expo Line Caps
- Limited Edition "Ride with Pride" T-shirts, tank tops, and tote bags
- Limited Edition "Ride with Pride" Commemorative TAP cards loaded with \$1.75 fare
- "Every Day is a Bike Day" T-shirts
- "Neighborhoods" canvas totes, and
- Metro Art greeting card sets

The Metro Shop currently only accepts credit and debit cards (no cash). Also, the "Ride with Pride" Commemorative TAP cards that sold out during the Long Beach LGBT Pride festival will go live in ticket

vending machines (TVMs) at select stations and the Metro Customer Service Centers today and will be available until they sell out. For locations, see The Source article [here](#).



Meet the Metro Leadership Academy, Class of 2017

It's my pleasure to introduce and share an update about our 2017 Metro Leadership Academy (MLA). The Leadership Academy is a unique employee development program that supports and provides employees from various levels, departments and divisions with the framework and tools to be leaders at Metro. The 2017 class is comprised of 39 participants selected after a highly competitive application process from a pool of nearly 200 applicants. The MLA is a twelve-month program that provides participants with new skills and expounds upon existing skills in leadership and business management.

The Leadership Academy sessions take place twice a month at Metro Headquarters with one session facilitated by the Metro Senior Leadership Team and their departments, and the other half facilitated by Southern Methodist University (SMU) Cox Executive Education. High-powered, performance-based sessions are combined with an integrated curriculum to help promote critical thinking, intellectual depth, breadth, and agility.

To date, the participants have had an opportunity to advance their personal leadership philosophy, develop a more robust understanding of public transportation, and acquire a deeper understanding of what it takes to lead at Metro. The sessions have covered topics including general leadership approaches and methods from Finance & Budget, Audit, Operations, Customer Service, Countywide Planning, Extraordinary Innovation, Inclusionary Leadership, and Civil Rights.

The 2017 class has utilized opportunities to collaborate and support the sharing of ideas and concepts while blending their own unique professional and life experiences. The class of 2017 will complete their program in December 2017.



MLA Class of 2017: Marilyn Archie, Rachel Bird, Keyon Boykin, Stephanie Burke, Denise Caceres, Tiago Castro, Bahram Chaudhry, Ronald Chico, Battina Cooper, Matthew Crow, Richard Darby, Lilian De Loza-Gutierrez, Darren Fuller, Claudia Galicia, Matthew Gallagher, Yuan-Peir (Victor) Gau, Jose Gonzalez, Ashad Hamideh, Tywonnia Harris, Jonathan Hofert, SaiSean Jones, Meghna Khanna, Lily Lopez, Jose Paz, Lorena Ramirez, Evan Rosenberg, Ayda

Procurement Postings

Medical Evaluation Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Medical Evaluation Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, June 7, 2017 through Thursday, August 31, 2017.

Metro is seeking a Contractor to provide on-site medical evaluation services to include: respirator usage clearance, fit testing and audiometric testing, employee training, and a determination by a qualified authority of the employee's ability to perform the required job duties without adverse health effects.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Greg Baker, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7577.

Vertical Lift Machines - Gold Line Monrovia Warehouse (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Vertical Lift Machines. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, June 2, 2017 through Monday, December 4, 2017.

This procurement is for two (2) Vertical Lift Machines to support the Metro Monrovia warehouse.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lorretta Norris, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2632.

P2000 Gate Turn Off (GTO) Driver Board Overhaul (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to overhaul GTO Driver Boards. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, May 31, 2017 through Monday, November 30, 2017.

This procurement is for the overhaul of P2000 GTO Driver Boards.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lorretta Norris, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2632.

Construction Notices

Patsouras Bus Plaza Station Project: Two Separate Late Night Closures

- The I-10 Busway Bridge between Alameda Street and Mission Rd. will be closed in both eastbound and westbound directions, Wednesday and Thursday, June 7-8, 2017, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., as construction crews perform related project work.
- The auxiliary lane on the Northbound US 101 at Vignes St (adjacent to project workzone) will be closed Monday thru Friday, June 5-9, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., as construction crews perform related project work.

Purple Line Extension Project: Pile Installation -- Wilshire and La Cienega

On Saturday, June 3 – Sunday, June 4, pile installation will continue in the Wilshire/La Cienega intersection. Work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the drilling and setting of piles, and 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for concrete and support activities. This work will require the following traffic control:

- Northbound La Cienega Blvd. will be reduced to one lane between Gregory Way to just north of Wilshire Blvd.
- Wilshire/La Cienega crosswalks on the west leg and the south leg of the intersection will be closed

with signed pedestrian detours

- Left turns will be restricted from northbound La Cienega Blvd. to westbound Wilshire Blvd.
- Parking restrictions will be installed on the east side of La Cienega Blvd. between Gregory Way and Wilshire Blvd.
- The northbound Metro 705 and 105 bus stop at Wilshire/La Cienega will be temporarily relocated to Wilshire/Gregory Way.

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

"There is much pleasure to be gained from useless knowledge."

- Bertrand Russell

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