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Read Aloud Guest with Director Dupont-Walker

This morning, it was my pleasure to join Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker to be a Read Aloud Guest as part of the Children's Defense Fund's (CDF) 4th Annual Freedom School Summer Literacy Movement. Director Dupont-Walker and I made our way to Holman United Methodist in South LA to read aloud classic books to about sixty elementary and middle school scholars who were very attentive and thankful for our participation.

The CDF Freedom Schools Program seeks to build strong, literate, and empowered children prepared to make a difference in themselves, their families, communities, nation and the world today. The Freedom School designates one day a week as cultural enrichment day with a field trip to various cultural education centers. Next week will be "Freedom School on Metro Day" to expose our youth to the public transportation revolution taking place throughout the County and especially in their South Los Angeles community. I am proud of the work we are doing here at Metro to assist in the advancement of the youth by providing them the means to attain further education and knowledge. I want to thank Director Dupont-Walker not only for the invite to join her as a Read Aloud Guest, but for the tremendous work she does in our communities to uplift the youth and keep them on track towards success in schools and careers.



Operations and Maintenance Employees of the Month - July 2017

On Thursday, we recognized employees from Maintenance and Transportation during the System Safety, Security and Operations Committee Meeting as the department's July Employees of the Month.

The Transportation Employee of the Month award was presented to Mr. Wilfredo De Los Angeles, Rail Transportation Operations Supervisor at the Rail Operations Control Center. Mr. De Los Angeles has been with Metro for 20 years, serving in a variety of roles including a Bus Operator, Train Operator, as well as a Yard and Rail Controller. He is a dedicated employee that appreciates the challenges that come with working in a high energy atmosphere. Recently his quick thinking and sharp observations prevented a potentially fatal situation at the Red Line Wilshire/Normandie station. Monitoring the station via closed circuit TV cameras, he noticed suspicious behavior near the edge of the platform which resulted in a patron jumping down onto the tracks. Mr. De Los Angeles reacted immediately by de-energizing the third rail. The quick response proved to be lifesaving as the patron went to the third rail and placed his hand upon it. Metro staff and security assisted in safely removing the patron from the area.

On the maintenance side, the Maintenance Employee of the Month award was presented to 10 year Metro employee Ms. Karla Mercado, Service Attendant at Division 3. She is an exemplary employee whose diligence and positive attitude contribute to keeping Division 3 one of the top operating divisions. Her excellent work ethic ensures that she completes her work in a timely manner while needing little to no supervision for her daily tasks. She sets a positive example to her fellow teammates by taking pride in her work ultimately providing clean buses for our riders to enjoy. Ms. Mercado is a dedicated employee who consistently scores high on her scrub audits, produces high quality work and is a huge part of our overall goal of becoming the greatest transportation agency in the world.



First of Twin Tunnels Complete for Regional Connector TBM

This week, the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) “Angeli” broke through the intersection of 4th Street and Flower Street to complete digging for the first of twin tunnels for the Metro Regional Connector Transit Project that will connect the Blue, Expo and Gold Lines below Downtown Los Angeles. There is a remaining portion of the tunnel through 7th street that will be dug by the cut-and-cover method rather than the TBM. At this point in the project, the TBM will be disassembled and placed on trucks to be brought back to Little Tokyo where it will be reassembled and re-launched to begin its work on the second tunnel.

When completed, the 1.9 mile Regional Connector alignment will provide a one-seat ride for travel across Los Angeles County. From the Metro Gold Line, passengers will be able to travel from Azusa to Long Beach and from East Los Angeles to Santa Monica without transferring lines. Three new stations are also being built as part of this project:

- Little Tokyo/Arts District – 1st St/Central Av
- Historic Broadway Station – 2nd St/Broadway
- Grand Av Arts/Bunker Hill Station – 2nd Pl/Hope St

The Regional Connector is currently forecast to be completed in late 2021. It is funded by Measure R and federal and state grants.



Whittier Walk & Roll Open Streets Festival

This past Sunday, Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins joined City of Whittier Councilmembers Fernando Dutra and Josue Alvarado, Whittier City Manager Jeff Collier, and other local officials and community members for the City of Whittier's first open streets event, Metro Presents Walk & Roll Festival. The Whittier Walk & Roll Festival brought crowds of local residents and bicycle riders to the streets of Uptown Whittier, which were closed to automobile traffic and opened for folks walking, biking and rolling to enjoy. The festivities included live music, a farmers market, rock wall, bicycle decoration center and art exhibits – all enjoyed in a car-free environment. Businesses along the main commercial corridor of Greenleaf Avenue catered to Open Streets participants checking out the historic village atmosphere. Our next open streets event will be Sunday, August 13 for the Wilmington Meets San Pedro CicLAvia.



Procurement Postings

Workforce Initiative Now-Los Angeles (Win-LA) Strategic Outreach Plan (RFP) - Small Business Prime
Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a qualified and experienced outreach contractor to develop collateral material and marketing plans for the WIN-LA program. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, July 26, 2017 through Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

Metro seeks a qualified and experienced outreach contractor to develop collateral material and marketing plans for the WIN-LA program as detailed in the Statement of Work.

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.

Inglewood First/Last Mile Planning (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional services for the Inglewood First Last Mile Planning. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from July 25, 2017 through November 2, 2017.

Metro is seeking professional services for infrastructure, systems, and modes of travel used by transit riders to start or end their transit trips. This includes but is not limited to infrastructure for walking, rolling, and biking (e.g. bike lanes, bike parking, sidewalks, and crosswalks), shared use services (e.g. bike share and car share), facilities for making modal connections (e.g. kiss and ride and bus/rail interface), signage and way-finding, and information and technology that eases travel (e.g. information kiosks and mobile apps).

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

Enterprise Safety Management System (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure an Enterprise Safety Management System. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, July 10, 2017 through Thursday, November 2, 2017.

Metro is seeking a qualified Contractor with experience in public sector safety management to provide and fully implement a new Enterprise Safety Management System that will replace its current Transit Safe/VAMS systems.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ana Rodriguez, Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 922-1076.

Caliper Housing Assembly Kits (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Caliper Housing Assembly Kits. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, July 25, 2017 through Friday, November 17, 2017.

This procurement is for the purchase of caliper housing assembly kits for right and left hand sides are 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.

Ultrasonic Rail Flaw Detection Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals RFP to procure rail-testing services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, July 27, 2017 through Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

Metro is seeking the services of a vendor to provide ultrasonic testing on an annual basis of its heavy and light rail for flaws in the rail utilizing an Ultrasonic High Rail Vehicle.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Victor Zepeda, Contract Administrator at zepedav@metro.net.

Communications Bench (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the services of full service communications teams to support the Metro Communications Department with various projects, programs and initiatives on an on-call basis. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, July 24, 2017 through Friday, November 2, 2017.

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.

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

Purple Line Extension Project: Lane Reductions for Piling -- Wilshire and La Cienega

On Friday, July 21 at 9:00 p.m. through Monday, July 24 at 6:00 a.m., pile installation will occur in the Wilshire/La Cienega intersection. This work will involve the drilling and setting of piles, concrete work, and street restoration. For details on traffic control, click the underlined title above.

Metro Regional Connector Transit Project: Sidewalk Closure -- Flower St between 4th and 5th Streets

Regional Connector Constructors will install a sound wall on the east side sidewalk on Flower St between

4th St and 5th St. This will require a full closure of the pedestrian sidewalk. Work is anticipated to begin Saturday, July 22, and continue for approximately three Saturdays. Anticipated work hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays only.

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

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- John F. Kennedy

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