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Touring the Expo Line with Congressman Ted Lieu

This morning, I was honored to join United States Representative Ted Lieu (D-33), Metro 2nd Vice Chair and City of Inglewood Mayor James Butts, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker and representatives from the National Railroad Construction & Maintenance Association for a tour of the Metro Expo Line to Santa Monica. We had an opportunity to discuss this unique project designed and built by a construction authority under Metro's oversight. I was pleased to have a shared dialogue with the Congressman about the Expo line, our plans with respect to the construction of the Westside Purple Line Extension and a variety of other issues related to projects and programs being advanced through Measures R and M.



Metro's BIF Awards \$10 Million in Grants to Small "Mom and Pop" Businesses

This week, Metro's Pilot Business Interruption Fund (BIF) achieved a significant milestone through the award of more than \$10 million in BIF grants to over 200 small "mom and pop" businesses directly impacted by Metro transit rail construction. The BIF launched during spring 2015 and has successfully awarded:

- more than \$5 million to "mom and pop" businesses along the Crenshaw/LAX transit line;
- more than \$2.3 million to businesses along Purple Line Extension (PLE), Section 1;
- more than \$1.6 million to "mom and pop" businesses within the Little Tokyo area of the Regional Connector;
- and more than \$950,000 to businesses located along the 2nd & Broadway Segment of the Regional Connector;
- Resulting in over 900 jobs retained.

In December 2016, Metro's Board of Directors authorized the expansion of the BIF to include "mom and pop" businesses directly impacted by transit rail construction along Metro's PLE, Section 2. Metro's staff and the contracted fund administrator, Pacific Coast Regional Small Business Development Corporation (PCR) will commence outreach to "mom and pop" businesses along PLE, Section 2 as construction progresses.

Recognizing that small businesses are vital to the economic stability of our communities, it is Metro's goal to support small "mom and pop" businesses to help ensure they continue to thrive in their communities as Metro builds for the future of transportation throughout LA County. To learn more about the accomplishments of the program, view Metro's Small Business Pilot Program report launched during May 2017; click [here](#).

To learn more about the BIF visit metro.net/bif.

All Hands Meeting

On Wednesday, I held an All Hands Meeting to update Metro employees on various topics and the plethora of work we have going on. This is a great opportunity to get everyone up to speed on the agency and get everyone speaking with one voice. Some of the topics I went over included:

- Measure M Implementation and Project Acceleration

- Asset Management - condition-based vs age-based management
- 2028 Olympic Games Action Plan – Still preparing for 2024
- New 5-Year Collective Bargaining Agreements
- Development of LA County-based National Innovative Transportation Institute
- Metro Career Pathways

If you did not get a chance to attend or listen-in, Metro employees can access the video recording through the internal [myMetro](#) home page.



Talent Development Hosts All Star Discussion Panel

Also on Wednesday, I joined colleagues of mine, namely Chief Executive of Los Angeles Area for AECOM Kelli Bernard, Former General Manager of Washington Metro Area Transit Authority John Catoe, Jr., and National Transit Practice Leader for AECOM Carolyn Flowers for a discussion panel on Leadership and Career Development moderated by transportation industry veteran and Metro Talent Development Consultant Jerry C. Premo. Jerry facilitated conversation with questions such as how did we get where we are, what were our biggest stumbles and challenges in our careers, and what is leadership? Questions were then taken from the audience. Overall this was excellent insight to the background and the minds of diverse leaders in the transportation and infrastructure industry. You never know where leaders will come from and who will be there to provide an opportunity.

This event was hosted by Metro Talent Development for participants of the various Metro professional development programs such as MAX, Metro Leadership Academy, Leadership APTA, ENO Transit Executive and Mid-Manager Program, and APTA Emerging Leaders. I want to thank DEO of Talent Development Dan Dzyacky and his team for coordinating this special panel and Jerry Premo for his participation.



Update on Metro Leadership Academy Class of 2017

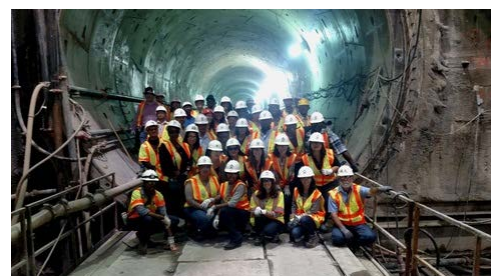
As we hit the midway mark of the Metro Leadership Academy (MLA) program, the MLA Class of 2017 has had an opportunity to advance their personal leadership philosophy, develop a more robust understanding of public transportation, and acquire a deeper understanding of what it takes to lead not only at Metro but throughout the transportation industry. Over the last three months, the class has participated in engaging sessions with various Metro departments including Information Technology Services (ITS), System Security and Law Enforcement, and Program Management. In addition to a series of presentations from respective department Chiefs, Senior Executive Officers (EO), Directors and Project Managers, each session included a tour or an engaging exercise.

The ITS department shared information about how they support internal and external customers, innovative technologies in the pipeline, and included a tour of the Data Center at Gateway.

The session with the System Security and Law Enforcement department covered the development and implementation of innovative security and law enforcement strategies; advancing the use of crime analysis tools, problem-solving methodologies and technology; and building and sustaining regional community and law enforcement partnerships. The MLA Class broke into small teams to travel Metro rail stations and note safety observations they experienced.

The Program Management department focused on the successful delivery of capital projects and on-time/on-budget delivery goals in addition to successfully managing teams. The day started with an insightful construction tour of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project led by one of the MLA 2017 class participants, Matt Gallagher, Senior Director, Construction Management for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project.

The Class has also participated in sessions with Southern Methodist University on “Building and Leading High Performance Teams”, “Critical Thinking Skills and Decision Making Tools” and “Inclusive Leadership”. Each session provided a better understating of the factors and dynamics that can either impede their team’s performance or propel them to higher levels of achievement as well as the importance of valuing diversity and inclusion.



Draft EIR Released for Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements Project

Today, Metro released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the [Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements Project](#). This project will enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety and access to and from the Los Angeles Union Station, and reestablish the connection between the station and surrounding communities. The DEIR will be available for public review and comment between Friday, August 11, 2017 and Monday, September 25, 2017, during which time interested individuals, organizations, and agencies can provide written comments.

Metro will be hosting a public workshop on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Metro Headquarters Gateway Building, 3rd Floor. For any questions, comments, and feedback, stakeholders can contact Elizabeth Carvajal, Senior Manager, at Metro either by mail, phone, or email:

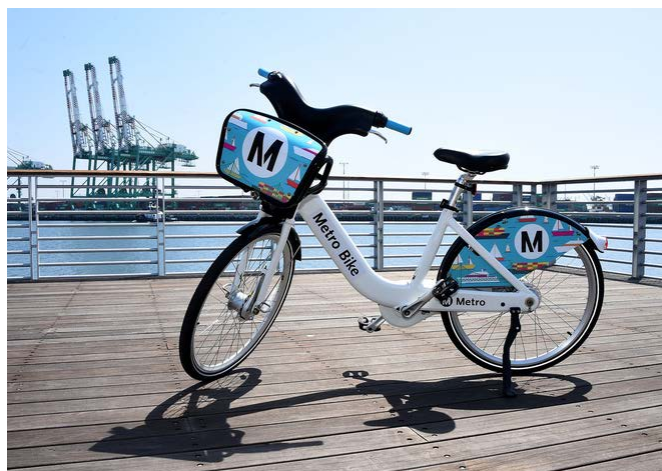
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Ride, Run, or Roll Through Open Streets in the Harbor Area This Sunday

This coming Sunday, join the Harbor area communities for their very first open streets event, Metro Presents: CicLAvia – San Pedro Meets Wilmington, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This brand new CicLAvia route will be a 7 mile stretch from Banning Park in Wilmington, south through multiple hubs, pit stops, sites and waterfront views into San Pedro, ending at the Pacific Avenue Hub. For more information including an interactive map displaying food, sites and entertainment locations, visit the [CicLAvia website](#).



Procurement Postings

[ExpressLanes: Roadside Toll Collection System \(RFP\)](#)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the Roadside Toll Collection System (RTCS) for Metro ExpressLanes. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, August 15, 2017 through Monday, May 7, 2018.

This solicitation seeks the design, development, testing, and installation of a complete and integrated toll collection system for Metro ExpressLanes. The work includes the provision of in-lane roadway equipment with all required support systems to transmit customer trip records to the Back Office System.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may

only be answered by David Chia, Principal Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1064.

Connect Bus Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals RFP to furnish and install Connect Bus wireless equipment services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, August 8, 2017 through Thursday, November 30, 2017.

Metro is seeking the services of a vendor to plan, procure, install, configure and validate wireless local area network (WLAN) communication equipment within the identified bus fleet vehicles.

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.

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, I-5

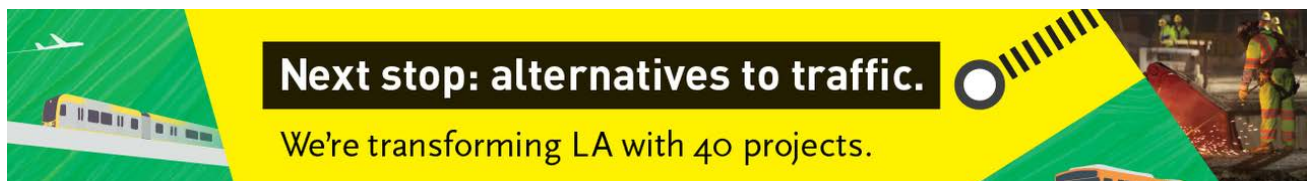
Metro Regional Connector Transit Project: Sidewalk Restoration -- 1st St. Between Hewitt and Vignes St.
Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) will be performing sidewalk restoration on eastbound 1st Street from Hewitt Street to Vignes Street. Work is anticipated to begin Monday, August 14, and continue for five days. Anticipated work hours are 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. For the full construction notice, click the underlined title above.

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

"Make no little plans; They have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized."

- Daniel Burnham

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