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Pedal Around Venice With Metro Bike Share

Yesterday, Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins joined Los Angeles City Councilmember and Metro Board Member Mike Bonin, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, General Manager of LADOT Seleta Reynolds, President and CEO of Bicycle Transit System Alison Cohen and other community members for the official Metro Bike Share Launch in Venice Beach. This launch is the third implementation for Metro's Bike Share Program, expanding beyond Downtown Los Angeles, following the successful Pasadena and Port of Los Angeles launch events. It is comprised of 165 bicycles at 15 new bike share stations throughout the Venice area including the Venice Beach Boardwalk, the Abbot Kinney shopping district, Muscle Beach, Rose Avenue and the Marvin Braude Bike Trail, among others.

Bike sharing is the ideal transportation to and from local destinations and now beach goers in the Venice area can enjoy a ride by the beach side or an easier and faster travel to rail and bus lines such as the Metro Expo Line at 17th Street/SMC and Downtown Santa Monica Stations. Combined, the region's bike share expansions will result in approximately 1,400 bicycles at up to 125 stations.

Due to the success of the Metro Bike Share System, we are studying future expansions to more than 20 other parts of the county such as North Hollywood, the San Gabriel Valley, East Los Angeles/Boyle Heights, Burbank, Glendale, Culver City, Palms and others. The goal is to create a region wide system of more than 4,000 bicycles pending ongoing Metro Board approval. This Bike Share System is an important first-mile, last-mile strategy that enables us to facilitate transit connections in Los Angeles County and

further our goals in creating a balanced transportation system.



Transportation Career Academy Program Testimony

I am very proud of the work we are doing here at Metro in regards to our workforce development initiatives and career pathways programs. We can never do enough outreach and recruitment to inform the local youth of Los Angeles County of the vast opportunities they have in the transportation industry when they complete their formal schooling and education. Others are recognizing and appreciating these efforts as well. Last week, I received a pleasant testimony letter regarding Metro's Transportation Career Academy (TCAP) Program from a parent of one of the recent high school program graduates.

In addition to her assignment, the program offered so much more – its multi-faceted content provided her with such a wide variety of valuable experiences. She attended Metro Board meetings as well as meetings on many other topics, and visited and talked with employees at the sheet metal and paint shops. She also had the opportunity to develop a group bus design for the upcoming LA Olympics and presented that to Metro's CEO! The exposure and experiences that Ally got this summer through the TCAP were inspiring and expanded her understanding of the "way the world works". It further solidified a strong fan of the Metro organization and the City's rapidly evolving public transportation system. She wore her tap card around her neck proudly and frequently would say "I LOVE METRO!" Thank you Metro for providing Ally and the other TCAP interns with such a special and meaningful opportunity.

A special thank-you goes out to Marion Colston and her team in the Talent Development department for successfully running this program over the years. Their hard work is much appreciated and recognized by Metro and program participants alike.

Innovative Partnership to Provide Financing for Affordable Housing Near Transit

Next week, Metro will start marketing a new \$75 million loan fund offering low cost loans for affordable housing that is part of a public-private lending partnership. The Metro Affordable Transit Connection Housing (MATCH) program is an innovative partnership that will provide financing to those interested in

preserving and expanding affordable homes located near high quality transit in Los Angeles County. Metro is providing a \$9 million seed investment for the fund, which has been matched by local foundations, including the California Community Foundation, The California Endowment and the Weingart Foundation.

The Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF), Enterprise Community Loan Fund and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation are three national Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) that will leverage the MATCH seed investments and provide loans to eligible non-profit developers that will purchase and stabilize naturally occurring affordable housing near transit stations, with the goal of densifying these areas and providing even more affordable housing.

MATCH investments are aimed at addressing the region's worsening housing affordability and homelessness crisis by bringing much needed capital for affordable housing. Neighborhoods across Los Angeles County are experiencing rising rents and displacement pressures. The MATCH program is part of Metro's efforts to promote Transit Oriented Communities through innovative partnerships. For more information, please visit: <http://www.matchfundla.com/>.

FY18 Adopted Budget Available Online

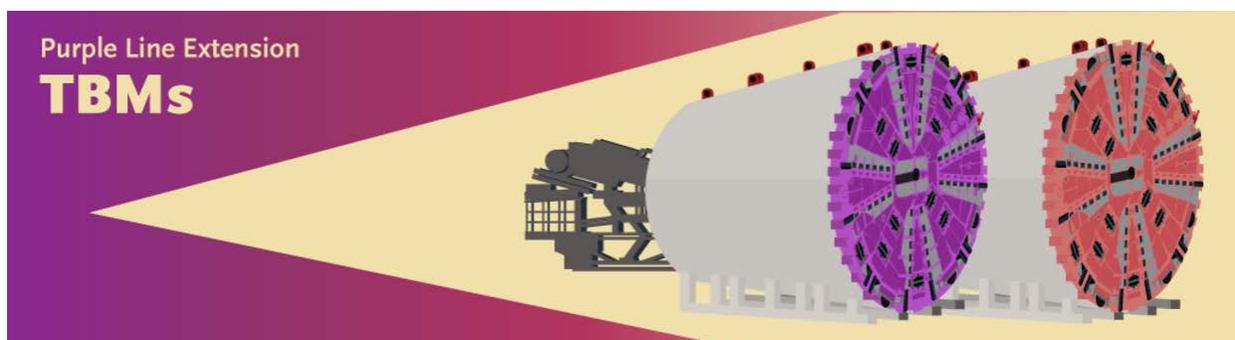
In May, the Metro Board of Directors adopted a \$6.1 billion balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18). This year's budget marks the start of new funding from Measure M, the Los Angeles County transportation sales tax measure that was approved by voters in November 2016. Last week, staff finalized the Adopted FY18 Budget document, which details the revenues and expenditures planned for the fiscal year. The annual publication has been posted to the Metro website and can be found [here](#).

Contest to Name the Twins

Metro is inviting Los Angeles County students from kindergarten through 12th grade to participate in an art and naming contest for the two Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) that will dig the twin subway tunnels to connect three new underground stations of Section 1 of the Purple Line Extension Transit Project. The TBMs will dig two parallel tunnels starting at Wilshire/La Brea in the Miracle Mile section of Los Angeles and continue east towards Wilshire/Western in Koreatown.

To participate in the art contest, students need only to submit their drawings. For the TBM naming contest, students must submit a 200-word essay or a two-minute video explaining the reasoning behind their proposed names. The prizes for both categories will include a prize bundle valued at over \$350. Included in the prize bundle is a special commemorative Metro TAP card, personalized with the winning artwork and TBM names.

The TBM Art and Naming contest will run now through Sunday, October 15, 2017. For contest information including contest entry forms, visit Metro Purple Line Extension Project page, [here](#).



Watch the Stars at Metro's Talent Show

Next Thursday, September 14, is Metro's first-ever Employee Talent Showcase at Mariachi Plaza from 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. Over two dozen of your colleagues are set to perform in acts such as musical duets, comedic serenading and a dance routine through the ages. Be sure to come hungry with the whole family to watch our Metro stars. Local vendors will be providing food trucks, hand-made jewelry and a free arts & crafts booth for the kids. Have a look at the complete program [here](#) and best of luck to all the performers.



Nominations Open for 3rd Annual Excellence in the Workplace Awards

Metro is filled with strength and talent displayed across all of our operating divisions and facilities. Let's get this talent properly recognized. If you have consistently seen any of your colleagues(s) demonstrating a commitment to excellence in service and support, I encourage you to nominate them for an Excellence in the Workplace Award.

The annual celebration will take place on Friday, February 2, 2018 at the beautiful Orpheum Theatre to recognize employees that closely follow Metro's vision of excellence in service and support. This year is special as we will also commemorate the 25th anniversary of Metro.

Nominations are open for awards in the following categories: Customer Service, Innovation, Safety, Spirit, and Team Work. Metro employees can visit the [Human Capital & Development Webpage](#) for more information and to nominate an employee.



A Message to Staff on the Anniversary of 9/11

As we approach the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks against our nation, it is vital for all employees to maintain a high state of vigilance. If you see something, say something. Employees should report any unusual observations or incidents to their supervisor, Metro security or Metro's law enforcement partners. At this time, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has not identified any specific, credible threats in

our area but please remain vigilant - If you see something, say something. This is also a great time for leaders to meet with their teams to discuss general security awareness.

Procurement Postings

Supplemental Engineering Services for Bus and Rail Facilities(RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for firms "Proposers" interested in submitting proposals for Supplemental Engineering Services (SES) for Bus and Rail. The Project Labor Agreement will apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from September 7, 2017 through February 1, 2018.

Metro has established a contracting opportunity to provide supplemental engineering services for bus and rail facilities. The selected consultant shall perform services in architectural and engineering, design specification, and develop design criteria for Metro projects as described in the Scope of Services. The resultant Contract, if awarded, will be federally funded and/or state/locally funded, and is subject to fiscal year funding.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Rafael Vasquez, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3036.

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

Purple Line Extension Transit Project: Full Weekend Closures -- Wilshire Blvd/La Cienega

A total of 17 full weekend closures are needed to complete three phases of construction to lay the groundwork for Wilshire/La Cienega station. Under Phase 1, pile installation will require a closure of Wilshire Blvd. between La Cienega Blvd. and San Vicente Blvd. during the weekends of September 8 and September 15. Starting the first weekend of October, the remainder of the weekend closures are required for decking of the street. For the full construction notice, click the underlined title above.

Regional Connector Transit Project: Full Weekend Closures -- Flower Street between 5th and 6th Streets

Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) will continue cut and cover activities on Flower St between 5th St and 6th St. Weekend closures will start at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2017 and will remain in place through 5:00 a.m on Monday, September 11, 2017. The closures will continue every weekend, except on holidays, for approximately 3 months. For the full construction notice, click the underlined title above.

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

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- Ronald Reagan



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