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### Celebrating 30 Years of Service from the Central Maintenance Facility

Today, I walked over to Metro's Central Maintenance Facility (CMF) to celebrate with employees the 30th Anniversary of Central Maintenance Facility. Metro has come a very long way since then. When CMF opened, not only was the agency on a full diesel engine bus fleet and zero miles of light rail, we were only one half of our agency known as the Rapid Transit District, RTD. Today, thanks to CMF employees and those who have served CMF at one time or another, we have converted to a complete fleet of 2,200 clean burning compressed natural gas buses which has clearly made a positive impact on the air quality of our region. I was recently informed that during the past 30 years, CMF employees have completed more than 5,250 engine replacements and overhauls, and can rebuild a bus from the axles up.

I want to thank everyone for their contributions over the years and thank all those involved in the planning and coordination of today's wonderful celebration. The 30 year anniversary of CMF is a remarkable milestone in Metro's history. Just as remarkable, there are employees who are still with us today who have been here since the opening and I want to recognize them:

- Michael Palmer
- Masamitsu Takata
- Samuel Gold
- Duc Banh
- David Chan
- Donald Caswell
- Mark Hamasaki

- James Didier
- Jose Reyes

Together, we are building, growing and maintaining the transportation system of the future and milestones like these are a good time to remind ourselves of the important work we do for the people of Los Angeles County. Happy 30th Anniversary Central Maintenance Facility.




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### **Delivering the Keynote Address at the Women in Non Traditional Employment Roles**

Yesterday evening, I was honored to deliver the Keynote Address at the 15th Annual Women in Non Traditional Employment Roles (WINTER) Gala at Los Angeles Airport Marriott. I was also proud to accept on behalf of Metro the Trailblazer Award for all the groundbreaking work we are doing here at Metro to help elevate, empower and improve the opportunities for women in the transportation and construction industries. I want to also congratulate Chief Executive Officer of Los Angeles World Airports Deborah Flint on receiving the Leadership Award. Lastly, a special recognition goes to Metro Director, Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department, Miriam Long for the tireless and rewarding work she does as Board Secretary of WINTER.

For more than 20 years, WINTER has been forging a path for women in Los Angeles and throughout Southern California into high-paying construction jobs. Whether it is ironworking, operating heavy equipment, pouring concrete in bridge columns, metalworking or any other task you'll find on a work site, women can and will get the job done. WINTER's message to women is clear: Women are needed in these careers and WINTER provides pre-apprenticeship training to adult women and youth through Adult and Youth Programs.

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### **Metro Assists with Disaster Worker Deployment**

I am proud to inform you that in response to the powerful 7.1 magnitude earthquake that struck the Mexico City region on Tuesday afternoon, Metro provided two buses to transport 80 disaster workers from Pacoima to March Air Force Base in Riverside County for an early morning flight. As public servants, Metro must step in and lend a helping hand to these volunteers and I want to especially thank

Transportation Director of Division 15 Maria Reynolds for providing the operators and buses. This is not the first time Metro has provided aid during a disaster, in fact this is the sixth mutual aid request the agency has responded to this year.

In light of the flurry of natural disasters, please stay prepared and vigilant. I encourage you to have an emergency bag prepared with water, first aid kits and all necessary materials placed in a convenient location in your home. Metro employees can find a copy of the Employee Personal Emergency Preparedness [Guide](#) and other helpful disaster preparedness documents on our Emergency Management Department's myMetro page, [here](#).

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### **Chevy Bolt Zero Emission Non-Revenue Vehicles Deployed**

To help reduce the use of fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions, Metro has purchased and deployed 10 Chevy Bolt zero emission vehicles for its non-revenue fleet. The Bolt is an electric vehicle with an estimated range of 238 miles per charge with a charging time of 9.5 hours. Metro will be testing the cars over the next year for their feasibility and operational viability. The cars will be used as part of Metro's vehicle pool for field operations and driver relief assignments. As part of the initial pilot program, Metro has installed charging stations at Union Station, Division 13, Division 18 and the Central Maintenance Facility.



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### **Rail-Volution in Denver**

On Monday, I joined Sound Transit Seattle CEO Peter Rogoff, Advocacy Director in the Seattle region Abigail Doerr and LA Chamber Vice President of Business Advocacy Jessica DuBoff for a panel discussion at the Rail-Volution Conference in Denver. Our panel "Local Referendums: Anatomy of a Campaign" discussed the success stories of the country's two largest referendums passed in November 2016, Los Angeles County's Measure M and Seattle's Sound Transit 3 (ST3). I kicked it off with the Measure M video to give the audience an overview and jumped into specifics points including the bottoms-up approach and how Metro maintained equity across the county, the contrast between the Measure J campaign and Measure M campaign, and how Metro successfully built coalitions and partnerships with all stakeholders and sub regions. My colleague Peter Rogoff and I were happy to share our stories in hopes to guide transit partners across the country in their attempts to produce their own successful self-help measures.

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### **Metro Supports the 14th Annual Homeless Veteran Stand Down Event**

This past weekend, Metro partnered with the City of Compton for the 14th Annual Homeless Veteran Stand-Down Event. The Stand-Down opportunity is a collaborated partnership with all the major Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) within the LA-South, Long Beach, and West LA areas. Services include employment, housing and legal assistance, dental care, workshops, medical and vision exams, mental health counseling, clothing distribution, showers, haircuts, social security benefits, and much more.

Metro provided volunteers, support staff and the “Metro Experience” to serve as entertainment to the Veteran/homeless population for the weekend. This special occasion provided an opportunity for veterans of all branches of the military to come together and receive support and vital services to help improve their lives. The 14th Annual Veteran Stand-Down Event hosted 60 vendors and 1,800 homeless veterans and their families from Saturday through Monday.

I want to thank Compton Mayor Aja Brown, Compton City Attorney Craig J. Cornwell, Compton Chamber of Commerce President Dr. Lestean Johnson, and President of Executive Planning Committee for The Love of Our Veterans Ms. Charlie Lonon for being there to support these incredible efforts. Also, big thanks to Metro Veterans Programs in collaboration with Talent Acquisition Department, Metro System Security & Law Enforcement Division and Metro Veteran Program Manager Dennis Tucker who assisted in coordinating the efforts of this great event on behalf of Metro.



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## Procurement Postings

### Metro Red Line Uninterruptible Power Supply (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, September 20, 2017 through Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

This procurement is for six (6) Uninterruptible Power Supplies which also requires installation of each UPS at various Metro Red Line stations.

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.

### Turbocharger ASM (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure Turbocharger Assemblies – GT35. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from September 12, 2017 to December 12, 2017.

Metro is seeking a vendor to supply Turbocharger Assemblies – GT35 on an as needed basis for a twelve month period with a one (1) year option for additional quantities.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Juelene Close, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1066.

### Carpet Flooring Installation and Replacement Services (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) seeking a qualified licensed carpet flooring contractor for the installation and repair maintenance services throughout Metro bus and rail facilities (excluding Union

Station Gateway headquarters). The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, September 27, 2017 through Friday, December 1, 2017.

Current carpet at Metro facilities consists of a broadloom (rolled) style carpet in various patterns and colors, and primarily located in offices, conference rooms, and training rooms. This contract does not include cleaning services. Cleaning services are performed by Metro personnel within Facilities Maintenance (FM).

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.

Electric Bus Charging Stations at Division 8 (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a contractor to furnish and construct ten (10) electric bus charging stations at Division 8. **The solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from September 25, 2017 through November 17, 2018.

In July 2017, the Metro Board awarded a number of zero emissions transit buses. Zero emission vehicles require less maintenance and operational costs than CNG buses. The charging stations will keep the new bus fleet on the road. The resultant Contractor, if awarded, will be 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 Noelle Valenzuela, Contract Administrator at 213-922-3647

Payroll System Business Requirement Document (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the development of payroll system business requirement documents. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, September 19, 2017 through Friday, January 5, 2018.

Metro is seeking a firm to develop business requirement documents for its payroll system replacement project.

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.

Duct Cleaning Services (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to Metro is seeking a qualified contractor to provide Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Duct Cleaning services throughout Metro bus and rail transit facilities. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, September 27, 2017 through Friday, December 1, 2017.

Metro is seeking a qualified contractor to provide Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Duct Cleaning services throughout Metro bus and rail transit facilities. Areas designated to be cleaned and sanitized include administrative offices, equipment maintenance buildings, transportation buildings, rail equipment maintenance buildings, rail transportation buildings, customer ticket offices and one secured cash revenue facility.

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.

[Patsaouras Plaza Bus Station Project: Intermittent Weekday Closures -- Vignes Northbound 101 Ramp](#)

There will be intermittent weekday closures of the U.S. 101 Vignes Street on/off ramp starting Thursday, September 21. The closures will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. During the closures, crews will perform work related to the Patsaouras Bus Plaza Station Project. For the full construction notice, click the underlined title above.

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

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"It always seems impossible until it is done."

- Nelson Mandela

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