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### Rosa Parks: 62nd Anniversary of the Bus Boycott

December 1, 2017, marked the 62nd anniversary of the day that Ms. Rosa Parks defiantly refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus to a white passenger. She was arrested and fined for her actions and the result was a yearlong boycott of the Montgomery transit service. The boycott did not end until the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that segregation on public transit was illegal. Her courageous act placed transit at the center of the Civil Rights movement in the United States, and one that has been kept in focus with subsequent actions such as the Freedom Riders, passing of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Los Angeles Metro honored the legacy of Rosa Parks by adding her name to the Willowbrook Station on the Metro Green and Blue Light Rail Lines. Metro also honored her by creating an Office of Civil Rights to ensure that Metro continues to uphold the leadership role of public transit by providing a service accessible to all, regardless of color, race, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identify or disability.

For more information on the role and services provided by the Metro Office of Civil Rights, Metro employees can visit department pages on [myMetro](#).

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### Metro Welcomes DIY Girls to Gateway Headquarters

Last week, Metro's Women & Girls Governing Council proudly welcomed DIY Girls to Gateway

Headquarters for a special event promoting careers at Metro in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields. The fun event was well attended with over 100 girls eager to learn about what Metro has to offer to the women and girls of LA County. Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins discussed our recently developed Women & Girls Governing Council and their efforts to identify Metro's programs, services, and policies that impact the lives of women and girls and what we can do to help them thrive and succeed. Following opening remarks, we held a movie screening for Dream Big a film that celebrates how engineers are shaping our communities and improving the quality of life for people around the world.

In addition to Ms. Wiggins, I would like to thank Chief Planning Officer Therese McMillan and Senior Executive Officer of Project Management Jeanet Owens for contributing their time to a panel discussion and sharing their valuable experiences with these young ladies. This event could not have been a complete success without our co-hosts CH2M.

DIY Girls is a non-profit organization from the San Fernando Valley dedicated to encouraging underserved girls' interest and success in STEM through innovative educational experiences and mentor relationships. Since 2012, they have reached over 1,200 girls in Los Angeles from under-resourced communities between 5th to 12th grades. Their efforts have been successful in improving grades, increasing knowledge and participation in the field of science, technology, engineering and math.



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### **Groundbreaking Ceremony for First Measure M Project: Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2B**

This weekend, I joined Metro Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Metro Board Members and Los Angeles County Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Hilda Solis, Metro Board Member and City of Duarte Councilmember John Fasana, Metro Board Member and City of Glendale Councilmember Ara Najarian, local, state and federal elected officials, Foothill Gold Line JPA Chair Sam Pedroza, Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority and many other partners and community members to break ground on the \$1.5 billion, six-station Foothill Gold Line light rail extension during a public ceremony at Citrus College. The 12.3-mile extension will add new stations to the Metro Gold Line system in the cities of Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont and Montclair. The light rail extension is the first major Measure M project to break ground following the overwhelming approval of Metro's half-cent transportation sales tax last year..

As we make transit more available in new communities, we are changing the face of Southern California and creating an infrastructure inheritance for our children and grandchildren. The first three years of the project will be spent relocating utilities, conducting pre-construction activities, hiring a design-build contractor and finalizing design work. I want to thank the many stakeholders from the Foothill Extension cities and the Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority and the many community members who came out to celebrate this remarkable next step in mobility and traffic relief for the Foothill and San Gabriel Valley regions.



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### **Metro Communications Team Wins Three Prestigious PR Industry Awards**

Metro's very own Communications team has taken home three prestigious industry awards as part of the Public Relations Society of America's (PRSA) 53rd Annual Prism Awards. Metro's Public Relations Department won a Prism award for its Downtown Los Angeles Bike Share Launch in the Government Events and Observations category, and an Outstanding Achievement Award for Harriet, the Tunnel Boring Machine Breakthrough in the Press Conference category. Metro's Communications Unit won an additional Prism Award for the Measure M Educational Campaign in the Government Integrated Communications category.

These annual awards recognize outstanding programs and materials created by Public Relations (PR) professionals working in the greater Los Angeles area. Please join me in extending a well-deserved congratulations to our team of PR pros for consistently bringing excellence to our agency's transportation initiatives.



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### **Metro Employees Honored at H.E.R.O.E.S. Veterans Day Event**

This past Veterans Day, Transportation Planning Manager Wayne Wassell and Division 15 Bus Operator Joseph T. Adinolf were honored at the H.E.R.O.E.S Veterans Day Event in San Dimas. The H.E.R.O.E.S Veterans Monument honors veterans who are natives to the city of San Dimas. Wassell served in the US Army (1983 – 1990) at Fort Ord in Monterey, CA, the California National Guard (1990-1992), the Army Reserves (1992-1997), and served overseas in Sinai, Egypt as part of the Multi-National Force & Observers. Adinolf served in the Air Force (1985 – 1989) and was stationed at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona and a Naval Station in Keflavik, Iceland.

I am proud to recognize Wayne Wassell and Joseph T. Adinolf for their bravery and service to our nation. Metro is happy to assist veterans with their transition into civilian careers through our Veterans Hiring Initiative Program and we encourage veterans to seek career opportunities within our agency to help fill Metro’s future hiring needs.



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### **Employee Retires After 42 Years of Service**

On behalf of the Metro family, I want to recognize the retirement of Material Supervisor Pablo Villicana who is retiring from Metro after a remarkable 42 years of service. Pablo began his career in April 1975 with the predecessor agency Rapid Transit District. He was hired as a Junior Stock Clerk and through hard work and professional development was later promoted to the position of Stock Clerk, Shipping Clerk, Storekeeper, and eventually as an AFSMCE Material Supervisor. Pablo has had a successful career in Supply Chain Management – Material Logistics and Inventory Management, and currently serves at the Blue Line and Expo warehouses.

I want to thank Pablo for his 42 years of exemplary commitment and tremendous dedication to Metro. His close colleagues informed me that they will miss his dependability, leadership and friendship. We all wish Pablo good health and success in his future personal endeavors.

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## **Procurement Postings**

### Freight Advanced Traveler Information System (FRATIS) Modernization Project (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to develop a new Freight Advanced Traveler Information Systems (FRATIS) platform using the latest technologies, explore connected vehicle applications related to freight operations, and gain consensus with the ports, marine terminal operators (MTO), local trucking companies, and other stakeholders on the concepts. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Dec 4, 2017 through July 20, 2018.

Metro will seek proposals from qualified firms to develop the Freight Advanced Traveler Information Systems (FRATIS) to improve the movement of goods in/out of the port complex more efficiently, while looking to reduce congestion on freeways and local arterials and improving air quality.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ted Sparkuhl, Principal Contracts Administrator at (213) 922-7399.

### Brake Shoe & Lining Assembly (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Brake Shoe & Lining Assembly. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, December 1, 2017 through Friday, February 28, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of brake shoe & lining assemblies required to maintain the bus 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.

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## **Construction Notices: Purple Line Extension, I-5**

### Purple Line Extension: Summary

Beginning Monday, December 4 thru Friday, December 8 the design-builder will be conducting:

#### East Segment

##### Wilshire Blvd./Western Ave. - Preparation for Pile Installation

- North side of Wilshire Blvd. sidewalk closure between Manhattan Pl. and Western Ave. in front of the construction staging yard. Access to businesses is maintained and a signed pedestrian detour is installed.
- Westbound Wilshire Blvd. will be reduced to one lane between Western Ave. and Manhattan Pl. to allow banner installation. 9pm–6am, Tuesday–Thursday
- Full closure of Wilshire Blvd. between Manhattan Pl. and Western Ave. from 12/8–12/11, Friday at 9pm–Monday at 6am. Detour will be Crenshaw Blvd. to Olympic Blvd. to Western Ave. for more information, [click here](#).

##### Wilshire Blvd./Norton Ave. - Jet Grouting Preparation

- Westbound and eastbound Wilshire Blvd. will be reduced to one lane between Bronson Ave. and Wilton Pl. for jet grouting preparation, 9am–3:30pm, Monday–Friday.

#### Wilshire Blvd./Muirfield Rd. and Wilshire/Blvd./Lucerne Blvd. – Instrumentation Work

- Westbound Wilshire Blvd. will be reduced to two lanes between Mullen Ave. and Rossmore Ave. for instrumentation work, 9am–3:30pm, Monday–Wednesday.

#### Wilshire Blvd./La Brea Ave. – Concrete Work and Dewatering Well Maintenance at Wilshire Blvd./Sycamore Ave.

- Hauling from the staging yards at Wilshire Blvd./La Brea Ave. continues.
- Concrete work at Wilshire Blvd./Sycamore Ave. from behind the work zone. Concrete work may require the following traffic control on Thursday–Friday:
  - Through traffic restriction on Sycamore Ave. at Wilshire Blvd.
  - Left turns restricted from Sycamore Ave. to Wilshire Blvd.
  - The north/south crosswalk at Wilshire Blvd./Sycamore Ave. will be intermittently closed.
  - Access to the crosswalk will be available with a flagger to help pedestrians when it is safe to cross.
- Dewatering well maintenance work on Wilshire Blvd. between La Brea Ave. and Highland Ave. This work will involve the following intermittent traffic control Tuesday–Friday:
  - Southside Wilshire Blvd. sidewalk closure between Sycamore Ave. and Orange Dr. Access to 5150 Wilshire Blvd. is maintained from Sycamore Ave. on the west side of the building Wednesday–Thursday.
  - Eastside of Orange Dr. sidewalk closed between Wilshire Blvd. and the alley. This closure will not be implemented at the same time as the Wilshire Blvd. sidewalk closure.
  - Westbound Wilshire Blvd. will be reduced to one lane between Mansfield Ave. and Orange Dr. Work will take place on the sidewalk on the northeast corner of Wilshire Blvd./Orange Dr., but sidewalk access will be maintained.

#### West Segment

#### Wilshire Blvd./Fairfax Ave. – Excavation, Hauling, Instrumentation Work and Deck Maintenance

- Ogden Dr. will be closed intermittently at Wilshire Blvd. Monday–Friday 7am–11pm to support hauling.
- Eastbound and westbound Wilshire reduced to two lanes between Ogden Dr. and San Diego Way intermittently on Monday–Friday 9am–3:30pm.
- Northbound and southbound Fairfax Ave. will be intermittently reduced to two lanes between Orange St. and Warner Dr. on Monday–Friday 9am–3:30pm.

#### Wilshire Blvd./La Cienega Blvd. – Decking Preparation, Utility Work, Hauling and Dewatering Well Installation

- Decking excavation and utility work on the north side of Wilshire Blvd. between La Cienega Blvd. and San Vicente Blvd. Work hours are 7am–4pm, 8pm–6am, Monday–Friday.
  - N. Gale Dr. closed through December 15. Work hours are 7am–10pm.
  - N. Hamilton Dr. closed at Wilshire Blvd. intermittently through December 18 from 7am–4pm.
  - Northside Wilshire Blvd. sidewalk closed between Hamilton Dr. and Gale Dr. Work hours are 7am–10pm, and continuous under weekend closures. Pedestrian detour signs will be installed and access to 8423 Wilshire Blvd. will be maintained from Hamilton Dr.
  - Northbound La Cienega Blvd. will be reduced to two lanes from Gregory Way to just north of Wilshire Blvd. K-rail will be installed north of Wilshire Blvd., in front of the staging yard, to separate the work zone from traffic. Parking restrictions will be in place on the east side of La Cienega Blvd. from 256 La Cienega Blvd. to 8484 Wilshire Blvd. through December.
  - Northbound La Cienega Blvd. will be reduced intermittently to one lane at the Wilshire/La

- Cienega intersection to support instrumentation work from 8pm–6am, Tuesday–Thursday.
- o Southbound La Cienega Blvd. will be reduced intermittently to two lanes at the Wilshire/La Cienega intersection to support instrumentation work from 8pm-6am Tuesday-Thursday. Eastbound Wilshire Blvd. will be reduced to one lane between Le Doux Ave. and La Cienega Blvd. Tuesday-Thursday, 8pm-6am.
  - o Eastbound Wilshire Blvd. will be reduced to one lane between Hamilton Dr. and Tower Dr. to support decking preparation work in advance of the weekend closure.
  - o The eastside La Cienega Blvd. sidewalk north of Wilshire Blvd. will be closed Tuesday–Thursday 8pm-6am to support banner installation on the La Cienega sound walls.
  - o N. and S. Gale Dr. will close at Wilshire Blvd. at 5pm Friday to install noise mitigation for weekend decking operations.
  - o Full weekend closures of Wilshire Blvd. between La Cienega Blvd. and San Vicente Blvd. continue. For more information, please visit [Metro.net/purplelineext](http://Metro.net/purplelineext)
  - o Full weekend closures of Wilshire Blvd. between La Cienega Blvd. and San Vicente Blvd. thru February 2018 except for holiday weekends, [more details here](#).

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

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- Indira Gandhi

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