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### **Happy New Year: Making Strides in 2018**

Metro Family – I want to take a moment to wish all of you a Happy New Year and much success in 2018. We have accomplished a great deal in 2017 and moved the mobility agenda forward on behalf of the people of Los Angeles County. From our cleaning crews, our operators, our engineers to our executives and everyone in between, the work we do makes a tremendous impact on the everyday life of our communities. I am looking forward to a wonderful 2018 and I thank you all for your continued commitment to excellence in service and support.

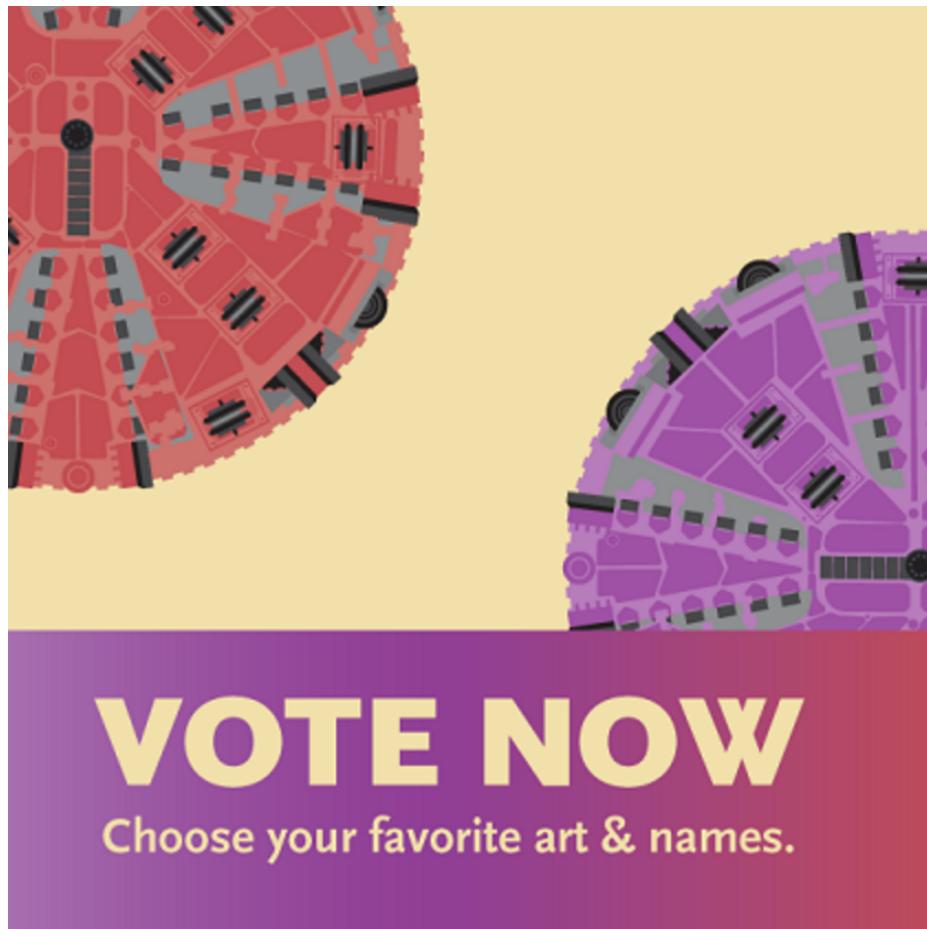
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### **Purple Line Extension Project: Artwork and Naming of TBMs**

The construction for the Purple Line Extension Project is well under way and section 1 will begin the tunnel boring process in summer 2018. Students were encouraged to submit their proposed artwork and names that will be displayed on the Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) before they begin their journey. After review from the panel of five judges composed of community stakeholders, five finalists were selected for each category. I encourage everyone to acknowledge the unique submissions and to help us choose the winners by casting your votes [here](#).

The polls will be open until Wednesday, January 31, 2018. The winning artwork and name will be displayed on the side of the massive TBMs during the Purple Line Extension unveiling ceremony that is anticipated to happen this spring.

In addition, Section 1 has made a lot of progress this year. [Here](#) is a glimpse of some of the people in the field that helped make it happen. Thank you for all your hard work and we are ready to make 2018 a successful year as well.



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### Crenshaw/LAX Community Leadership Council Joint Holiday Mixer

The Crenshaw/LAX Community Leadership Council (CLC) celebrated the end of a successful year of community engagement with a Joint Holiday Mixer at the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza. The event is an annual collaborative effort between Kaiser, Baldwin Hills Crenshaw, Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce, Metro, Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors, Eat Shop Play Crenshaw, and many of our other partners in the Crenshaw corridor region.

Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins and over 300 community stakeholders were in attendance including NBA star Baron Davis, CLC Members, sponsors, elected officials, local business owners and Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project staff. Guests enjoyed hosted food, DIY art & craft workshops, Metro Art activations, caricature drawings, photo booth, live entertainment from Connect Jazz Band and a drawing with a variety of prizes. Attendees also got a surprise visit from Black Santa and Mrs. Clause from The Black Santa Company, along with a visit from Norky the hybrid penguin from the North Pole. From the donated gifts collected, the CLC was able to provide our charitable partner, the Drew League Foundation, with over 200 gifts to make the holiday season a little brighter for children in need.

You can view a video recap of this great event, [here](#).



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## Procurement Postings

### MBL and MGL Fire Alarm and Fire Suppression Systems Retrofit (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure the retrofitting of existing facilities of the fire alarm systems and halon fire suppression systems on the Metro Blue Line and the Metro Green Line. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from January 2, 2018 through March 16, 2018.

The Metro Blue Line and Metro Green Line will have the fire alarm systems and the halon fire suppression systems retrofitted to ensure safety of passengers, employees, and Metro property.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Alyssa Garcia, Assistant Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7574.

### Sound Enclosures at the Metro Gold Line Sierra Madre Villa Station (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure a contractor to construct and install a Soundwall Enclosure System at the Sierra Madre Villa Station. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Businesses only.**

Installing the sound panels along the freeway barriers will reduce the noise level on the station platform and improve the patrons' experience. The blackout period is expected to last from January 3, 2018 to February 23, 2018.

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.

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## Construction Notices: Crenshaw/LAX Project, Regional Connector, I-5

### Crenshaw/LAX Project: Temporary Green Line Station Closures

Starting at 9:00 pm on Friday, January 26, 2018, and continuing for 71 days, Metro's contractor, Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors will begin the rail tie-in connection between the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project and the existing Metro Green Line. The work requires the powering-down of five stations on the Green Line. The entirety of the work is expected to last for 71 days, resuming rail service at 3:00 am on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

The following five stations on the Green Line will be powered-down; Aviation/LAX, Mariposa, El Segundo, Douglas, and Redondo Beach Stations. A free Green Line shuttle service from the Hawthorne/Lennox station

will provide replacement service to the affected stations during the operation and will aim to maintain comparable headways when possible. Connection service will be maintained at all existing stations served by the free shuttle between Hawthorne/Lennox and Redondo Beach stations.

**Regional Connector: Full Weekend Closures for TBM Retrieval at 4th/Flower St Intersection**

Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) will begin efforts to retrieve the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) at the 4th St and Flower St intersection.

Traffic reconfiguration is anticipated to begin on Saturday, January 13, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. One thru traffic lane will be maintained. Preparation activities will continue through 5:00 am Monday, January 15, behind k-rail.

Full weekend closures of 4th/Flower intersection are anticipated to begin at 7:00 pm Friday through 5:00 am Monday the following weekends:

- January 19, 26, 2018
- February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018
- March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

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

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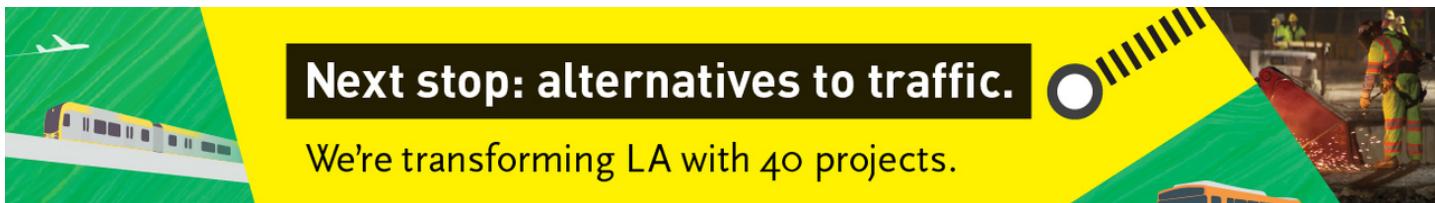
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- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

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