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### Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. at Kingdom Day Parade

I hope you all took a minute over the Holiday to reflect upon the powerful messages and teachings by the great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Metro was proud to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King by driving our special “Rosa Parks Bus” through the 33rd Annual Kingdom Day Parade – America’s largest – right here in Los Angeles. The Kingdom Day Parade is the country’s longest running and most widely viewed birthday celebration of the world-changing, civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Following the parade, thousands continued the celebrations at Leimert Park for the Kingdom Day Freedomfest with food, booths, community activities and music. United States Senator Kamala Harris was named this year’s Grand Marshal.

I want to thank Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker for joining Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins, Metro Senior Executive Officer Bernard Jackson, Metro Executive Officer Charles Beauvoir, and many other Metro representatives onboard the Rosa Parks Bus during the parade route. Also, a special thank you to Metro Director of Community Relations Anthony Crump and Metro Manager of Community Relations JC Lacey for the tireless work and effort they put into the planning and coordination of this and many other Crenshaw region events. It is an honor to be a part of this fantastic celebration and I look forward to next year.



### **Ribbon Cutting for I-5 South/Rosecrans Avenue/Bloomfield Avenue Bridge Project**

Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Janice Hahn, Caltrans District 7 Director and Metro Board Member Carrie Bowen, and Metro staff joined Caltrans officials, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) officials, the Cities of Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, and neighboring cities and state and federal elected official offices to celebrate the completion of one of the I-5 south construction projects. The Rosecrans Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue Bridge Project is the third in a series of six construction projects to widen the I-5 South Corridor by adding one high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lane and one general purpose lane in each direction from the Orange County line to the I-605.

In addition to the widening of the I-5, project improvements include widening and reconstructing the Rosecrans Avenue undercrossing, the Shoemaker Avenue overcrossing, the Silverbow Avenue pedestrian overcrossing, and construction of a new undercrossing at Bloomfield Avenue. For the first time since 1954, the Bloomfield Avenue undercrossing will allow motorists to pass underneath the I-5, connecting communities and improving mobility for local residents.

Projects like the I-5 improvements demonstrate our commitment to regional multi-modal mobility through our investments in highway projects. Metro's Highway Program continues to improve the existing transportation

infrastructure for future generations to come. For more information and the latest updates regarding this project, visit the Caltrans project page, [here](#).



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### Metrolink's New Optic Readers in Metro Rail Stations

Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins joined Metrolink CEO Art Leahy to launch new optic readers that are being installed across the Metro Rail System. This project will save time for our daily commuters that rely on transferring from Metrolink commuter rail to Metro light rail to reach their destinations. We encourage riders to use the Metrolink mobile app to take advantage of this new convenient method of transferring between our systems. The mobile app displays the Quick Response Code - or QR Code - that is scanned at the TAP turnstiles.

The optic scanners are currently being installed throughout the Metro system and are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. At this time, the TAP-enabled paper tickets are still being used for those that do not have a mobile device and for the gated rail stations that do not have the optic readers installed. I am excited to see the result of this project as we continue to enhance the customer experience for our riders. Metrolink Mobile App and optic reader information can be viewed on Metrolink's website, [here](#).



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### Final Environmental Report Released for Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements

Metro released the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements project. The project includes enhanced pedestrian and bicycle connections to and from Los Angeles Union Station and strengthens the connection between the station and surrounding communities.

Based on technical analysis and community stakeholder input, the FEIR includes staff's recommendation for Alternative Three, which includes a partial closure of Los Angeles Street, a restricted left-hand turn onto Alameda Street from Los Angeles Street, restricts tour bus parking on Arcadia Street to only off-peak hours, and incorporates a two-way buffered bike lane on Los Angeles Street within the project boundaries. The Statement of Overriding Considerations, Findings of Fact and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program are also available on the project site.

The Metro Board will consider the FEIR, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Findings of Fact, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program at the following public hearings in February:

**Planning and Programming Committee**

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

**Regular Board Meeting**

Wednesday, February 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

For more information, please visit the project website [here](#).

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## **Supportive Transit Parking Program Master Plan Community Workshop**

Metro hosted a community workshop to provide information regarding the Supportive Transit Parking Program (STPP) Master Plan that was introduced to the Board in November 2017. The STPP Master Plan identifies innovative strategies for management of Metro's parking facilities including parking management and planning policies, operations, enforcement, maintenance and technology integration.

At the workshop, staff reviewed the work completed to date on the STPP Master Plan, answered questions and addressed written comments that were shared regarding the Plan. Additionally, workshop attendees had an opportunity to speak one-on-one with staff regarding Metro's bike programs, first/last mile connections, and long-range planning and system design for future Metro parking facilities.

Approximately 45 attendees participated in the workshop that included representatives from LADOT, Los Angeles World Airports, the Gold Line Foothill Construction Authority, the Cities of Norwalk, Santa Monica, West Hollywood, Glendora, and others from the public. Staff will be asking the Metro Board of Directors to adopt the STPP Master Plan at this month's Board meeting.



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### Revised Project Scope for Division 20 Portal Widening and Turnback Facility

Metro released a revised Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Division 20 Portal Widening and Turnback Facility project, notifying the public that the project footprint has been expanded to include the property at 100-120 North Santa Fe Avenue.

Metro will accept public comments about the revised NOP January 3 - February 2, 2018 and invites public comment on the acquisition and reuse of this additional property for analysis in the future Draft Environmental Impact Report. Comments submitted about the initial NOP from October 18- November 17, 2017 have been recorded and do not need to be resubmitted. No additional scoping meetings are required or scheduled.

The Project aims to accommodate increased service levels on the Metro Red/Purple Lines. Metro is planning facility improvements, including a widening of the heavy rail tunnel south of the US-101 freeway and a new turnback facility in the Division 20 rail yard.

To learn more about the project and how to submit comments, please visit the project website [here](#).

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### Procurement Postings

#### Parking Refurbishments at Seven (7) Park-N-Ride Lots (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure construction work to be performed to refurbish seven parking Park-N-Ride lots. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from January 16 to April 6, 2018.

Parking Management Department plans to install, in the future, a parking guidance system at 5 Caltrans owned and 2 Metro owned properties on each of these seven lots. This project will provide the needed foundation and power for the system, ADA parking upgrade, site pavement slurry seal, striping and signage. The requisition (REQ24922) was approved on December 4, 2017.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Diana Dai-Tsang, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3310.

Spark Plug - Denso (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Spark Plug - Denso. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, January 12, 2018 through Thursday, May 31, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of spark plugs 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.

Enterprise Transit Assist Management (ETAM) Bench (RFIQ)

Metro will release a Request for Information and Qualification (RFIQ) to procure services of various qualified consultants for ITS Enterprise Transit Assist Management (ETAM) Bench. This solicitation is not a Set-Aside and has the following DEOD goals: 15% DBE Goal, 12% SBE Goal, and 3% DVBE Goal. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, January 18, 2018 through Monday, April 30, 2018.

Metro is seeking to establish a bench of qualified consultants with expertise in one (or more) of the disciplines outlined in the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to assist with the ETAM tasks. The disciplines are as follows:

- (1) Inventory Build Out and Assessment,
- (2) Rolling Stock and Equipment,
- (3) Facilities and Stations,
- (4) Guideway Systems and Elements,
- (5) Financial, Cost, Risk & Life Cycle Analysis,
- (6) Advanced Maintenance Techniques,
- (7) TAM Planning,
- (8) Information and Technology Systems (ITS) and Data Management (DM), and
- (9) TAM Engineering Support.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Annie Duong, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3048.

Ignition Coil (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure Ignition Coil. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, January 18, 2018 through Friday, May 11, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of ignition coils 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 Mona Ismail, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7376.

Tire Kits Siemens P2000 Rail Car (IFB)

Metro will release an IFB SD48603 to procure Tire Kits for the Siemens P2000 rail car. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday January 19, 2018 through Friday, March 30, 2018.

The Siemens P2000 Tire Kits are part of the car body of the Light Rail Cars and requires regular replacement due to continuous uses in revenue service.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Sr. Manager at (213) 922-1025.

#### Division 18 Tire Shop and Service Bays (D/B/B) (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Division 18 Tire Shop and Service Bays Division (D/B/B) per specifications on file at the Office of Procurement, 1 Gateway Plaza (9th Floor), Los Angeles, CA 90012.

**This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from January 19, 2018 through May 1, 2018.

Metro is seeking a contractor to build the infrastructure for the Division 18 Tire Shop and Service Bays at - South Bay Division, 450 W. Griffith St, Carson 90246.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Josie Mellen, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1105.

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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 began on Saturday, January 13. One thru traffic lane will be maintained.

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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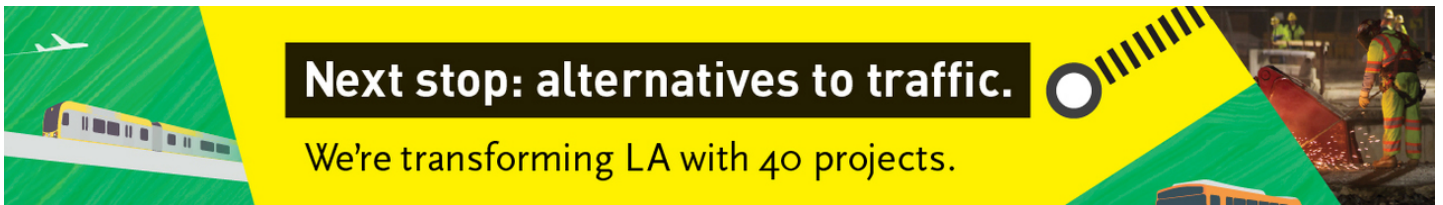
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- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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