

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### Closure of Five Green Line Stations for Crenshaw/LAX Tie-In Work

This morning, I joined Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker and Metro staff at the Green Line Aviation Station to announce that station closures will be implemented to begin tie-in work to the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project. With construction now at 75 percent complete, we are getting closer to the day when the Crenshaw, Inglewood, Westchester and LAX communities will finally be part of the Metro Rail system. As we all know, construction is inconvenient but we are creating a future transportation system that will improve mobility throughout the county.

The project construction crews will work 24/7 so that we can complete the work as quick as possible and resume regular Green Line service. I would like to thank Los Angeles World Airports CEO Deborah Flint and her staff for their collaboration to reorganize the LAX G-Shuttle during the closure. I would also like to thank the community for their patience and our municipal bus services such as Big Blue Bus and Culver City, as well as Uber and Lyft, for their partnerships and contributions to ease transportation for our riders.

The 10 week Green Line station closure will begin on Friday, January 26 with work continuing through Saturday, April 7. Free bus service will replace rail service at Aviation/LAX, Mariposa, El Segundo, Douglas and Redondo Beach stations. Trains between Norwalk and Hawthorne/Lennox will run at their regular frequencies.

For more detailed information and a map of free bus shuttle locations click [here](#).



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## January Operations Employees of the Month

At this month's System Safety, Security and Operations Committee Meeting, three employees were recognized for their excellent service and support that each of them aim to provide every day on the job.

### Transportation

The Transportation Employee of the Month award was presented to Mr. Thurmon Green, Rail Transit Operations Supervisor at Division 20 (Los Angeles). Mr. Green has been with Metro for an outstanding 45 years, beginning his career in 1972. He started as a Bus Operator, became a Train Operator and after excellent dedication and service was promoted to Rail Transit Operations Supervisor. He is one of few remaining employees still working for the agency that were part of the Red Line Startup which is celebrating its 25th anniversary later this month.

### Maintenance

The Maintenance Employee of the Month award was presented to Mr. Juan Ruvalcaba, Senior Maintenance Instructor at Division 20. Mr. Ruvalcaba is an 18 year employee, who started with Metro in 1999. Mr. Ruvalcaba has made tremendous contribution to the success of the JAC program which is designed to give internal Metro employees an opportunity to succeed in Rail Maintenance.

### Logistics

The Logistics Employee of the 2nd quarter award was presented to Mr. Anthony Mendoza, Storekeeper at Division 9 (El Monte). Mr. Mendoza is a 16 year employee, who started with Metro in 2001. He is an

exemplary employee who is very dependable and can be trusted to finish all his assignments. His leadership style has motivated his staff to be productive and provide excellent customer service.

Once again, on behalf of the agency, I thank these valuable employees who strive at what they do and go above and beyond to keep our agency moving in the right direction.



### **Regional Connector TBM Retirement Event**

Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins joined Regional Connector Executive Officer Gary Baker, Project Executive John Yen and Metro staff at the Regional Connector Construction Site to celebrate the retirement of our Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) “Angeli”. I am pleased to share with you that Angeli has completed a milestone achievement mining twin tunnels for the Regional Connector Transit Project. The project is now nearly half complete and the construction will focus on the completion of the three concrete station facilities.

We would like to sincerely thank our community stakeholders for their patience during construction of this transformative project. We have now moved construction fully underground and behind barriers at the Little Tokyo and 2nd, and Broadway sites, and have restored all lanes of traffic in those areas. When complete, this project will connect three of our most popular light rail lines that serve a vast majority of our Metro rail riders. I am eager to see users of the Metro Blue, Gold and Expo lines reap the benefits of this project for generations to come.

For a video and more information on this milestone as posted on The Source, click [here](#).



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## Procurement Postings

### Tensioner - A/C Belt (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure A/C Belt Tensioner. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, January 23, 2018 through Friday, June 1, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of A/C belt tensioners 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.

### Bike Rack Assembly 2 Position Deploy Kit (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Bike Rack Assembly 2 Position Deploy Kit. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, January 22, 2018 through Thursday, May 31, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of bike rack 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.

### Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Improvement (Package A and Package C) (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a General Contractor to provide construction services at the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station as identified as Package A and Package C. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from January 18, 2018 through April 30, 2018.

Metro is seeking a qualified General Contractor to provide construction services at the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station for Blue Line Station Improvements and New Plaza.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Dianne Sirisut, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2737.

Metro Rapid Bus Station Improvements (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure a contractor to construct and install bus shelters, amenities, and modify existing shelter canopies. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to last from January 19, 2018 to March 9, 2018.

Additional stations made to the several stops will improve Patron's transit experience.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Noelle Santos, 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 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 26, 2018
- February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018
- March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

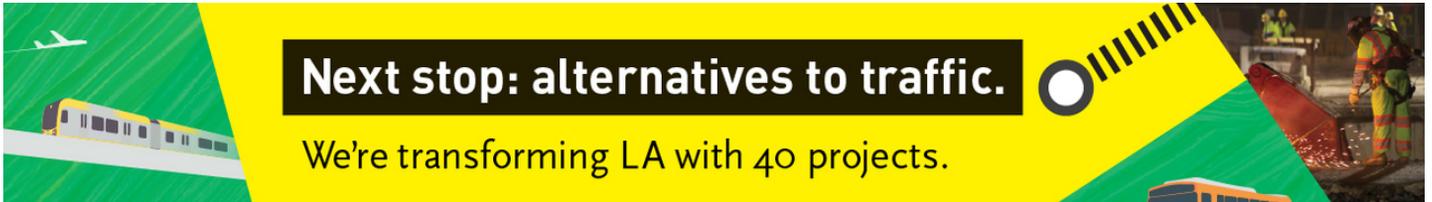
Caltrans Interstate 5: All Construction Updates [here](#).

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- Benjamin Hoff

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