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Happy 25th Birthday to Metro

Metro recently held a wonderful celebration for its 25th Birthday – the merging of the Rapid Transit District and Los Angeles County Transportation Commission in 1993. I joined Metro Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Second Vice Chair and Inglewood Mayor James Butts, Metro Board Member and City of Duarte Mayor John Fasana, Metro Board Member and Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Metro Board Member and City of Glendale Councilmember Ara Najarian, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Former Board Members critical in the merger legislation Richard Katz and Commissioner Yvonne Burke, and many other special guests and local stakeholders for this great event.

We all took a moment to highlight key milestones that have dramatically improved transportation options for Los Angeles County residents since the 1993 merger. Former Board Members reflected on the struggles, challenges and ultimate success of two often-times competing and rivaling transportation agencies. They found it remarkable that 25 years later, residents and visitors can ride across the county without transferring agencies and payments of different fares.

As we celebrated 25 years, I looked ahead to the next 25 years and beyond with much enthusiasm and excitement for what we are currently doing here at Metro. When I began my tenure at Metro in 2015, my goal was to make LA Metro the greatest transportation agency in the world and I stand by that goal today. With the

strong vision and leadership of our Board, and the excellence in service and support displayed by our nearly 11,000 employees, Metro is well on its way to providing the greatest balanced transportation system in the world. I predict that Los Angeles Metro will eventually pass New York MTA in terms of weekly boardings. I thank all of our employees for their dedication and commitment to these agency goals.



Gateway COG Transportation Summit

I had the pleasure of participating in the first Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) Transportation Summit sponsored by City of Long Beach Mayor and Metro Board Member Robert Garcia and the Gateway COG. About 80 city representatives attended the event on Friday, February 9, in Long Beach.

I provided high-level updates on key projects taking place in the region such as our efforts to upgrade the Blue Line -- which we're calling the New Blue -- that have been ongoing since 2014, the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project that will connect Artesia to Downtown LA, the I-710 Corridor, I-605 Hot Spots and Metro ExpressLanes. I also joined Caltrans District 7 Director and Metro Board Member Carrie Bowen for a brief question and answer session with local representatives from our Gateway Cities.

Special thanks to Metro Community Relations Manager Julia Brown and the Community Relations staff who helped organize our involvement in the event along with the staff from Planning and Highways Department

who provided more detailed project updates, answered questions, and participated in a panel discussion on funding opportunities available to cities from Metro and the state of California.



APTA Transit Agency Deputies: Next in Command - First Rate Leadership

Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins attended the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) Transit CEO's Seminar where she participated in a workshop regarding the roles of transit agency deputies and their efforts in providing leadership to their agency. The early morning workshop began with remarks from the panelist to share their experiences and perspective as a Deputy CEO including the challenges and accomplishments that come with supporting the CEO. Fellow panelists included Assistant Executive Director for Transit Authority of River City, Louisville, Kentucky, Ferdinand Risco, and Assistant General Manager for Monterey-Salinas Transit, Monterey, California, Hunter Harvath. Following opening introductions and remarks, the panelists broke off into smaller groups for a free-flowing conversation about the various issues facing transit deputies and the future of the transportation industry. I would like to recognize Stephanie Wiggins for her accomplishments as Deputy CEO for LA Metro and thank her for the outstanding support she provides to our agency on major projects shaping mobility for residents in LA County.

WTS-UCLA Chapter Tours the Metro Purple Line Extension Project

As the Purple Line Extension (PLE) Project construction heads west, interest in the project has grown from all over LA County. To satiate the community's curiosity, the PLE Project Managers often accommodate request for tours from local officials, organizations, and media outlets. Recently, the PLE Construction Relations Assistant Manager Marlon Walker led a tour for the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) UCLA Chapter. WTS-UCLA is a student chapter of an international organization dedicated to the advancement of women in transportation. The group was impressed with the expansiveness of the project and left the Metro staff with encouraging remarks:

"Thank you so much to Marlon and the entire METRO staff for all that you did for us. I really enjoyed the tour and getting to see construction areas...It was truly a once in a lifetime experience, and I will always remember it when I'm riding the Purple Line extension in the near future." – Kidada

Personal tours provide a way for outreach staff to build community partnerships and attract lifelong Metro riders. This is excellent work by the PLE project team and I thank WTS-UCLA and the various organizations who reach out to us to learn about Metro projects in their communities.



Art District Community Immersion Tour held with Metro Staff

Metro Regional Connector, in partnership with Community Relations Special Projects team, held an immersion tour of the Arts District with local community leaders. The tour was designed to help planners and community relations staff better understand the local culture, history, resources, opinions and desires of the Arts District community. During the tour, Gabrielle Newmark, co-founder of Industrial District Green and SWAMP Pink Architecture, shared her vision for a Green Alley system which supports open space needs while improving walkability “in ways that reflect the unique industrial character of the Area.”

This community immersion program first began in Little Tokyo last October. Leaders in both communities expressed appreciation of Metro’s efforts and have encouraged the idea that these exercises be expanded. To learn more about the community immersion program, please contact Jeanmarie Hance, Community Relations Manager at HanceJ@metro.net.



Procurement Postings

Cargo Vans (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Cargo Vans. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, February 16, 2018 through Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of five (5) Cargo Vans to replace existing vehicles in the current fleet to support bus and rail operations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aryani L. Guzman, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

Rail to Rail Active Transportation Corridor Connector Project (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the Rail To Rail Active Transportation Corridor Connector Project. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, February 16, 2018 through Monday, July 31, 2018.

In general, the scope of work consists of construction services to connect the Metro Crenshaw / Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Fairview Heights Station (currently under construction), with the Los Angeles River, via a new multi-use transportation corridor for bicyclists and pedestrians, improving multimodal connectivity in historically disadvantaged communities in South Los Angeles. The Rail-to-Rail Active Transportation Corridor (ATC) spans approximately 5.6 miles in a general east-west direction connecting the future Metro Fairview Heights Station to the Metro Blue Line Slauson Station. Approximately 5 miles of the ATC will be on Metro-owned Right-Of-Way (Class 1 bicycle path), while the remainder will be on public Right of Way (ROW). The resultant Contract, if awarded, will be federally and state/locally funded, and is subject to fiscal year funding. The estimated Contract value is \$35 - \$40 Million. The project will be delivered utilizing Design – Build Project Delivery Method. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy (PLA/CCP) will apply to this Procurement.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Diana Sogomonyan, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7243.

Technical Consultant for Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Program Master Plan (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the services of a Technical Consultant for development of the Metro Zero Emissions Bus (ZEB) Program Master Plan. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, February 14, 2018 through Friday, July 27, 2018.

Metro is seeking technical consulting services to develop comprehensive plans for phasing in ZE buses on Metro's entire system, including Local and Rapid bus routes.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Elizabeth Hernandez at (213) 922-7334.

Metro Headquarters Central Chiller Plant & Energy Management System (EMS) Replacement (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a Contractor to perform the replacement of Central Chiller Plant & replacement of Energy Management System (EMS) at Metro Headquarters. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 21, 2018 to May 31, 2018.

This project will include the demolition and replacement of existing (4) chillers and the associated plumbing and replace with five (5) new chillers. This project will also include the demolition and replacement of the existing Energy Management System (EMS) throughout the entire Gateway Facilities.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Robert Romanowski, Sr. Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-2633.

Construction Notices: Crenshaw/LAX Project, Regional Connector, Purple Line Extension, I-5

Crenshaw/LAX Project: Temporary Green Line Station Closures

Starting on January 26, 2018, and continuing for 71 days, Metro's contractor, Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors began 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:

- February 23, 2018
- March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

Purple Line Extension: Wilshire Blvd./Western Ave. - Instrumentation, Dewatering Well Work and Jet Grouting

North side of Wilshire Blvd. sidewalk closed 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.

Eastbound and westbound Wilshire Blvd. will be intermittently reduced to one lane in each direction between Western Ave. and Manhattan Pl. Northbound Manhattan Pl. will be closed at Wilshire Blvd. 9am–3:30pm, Monday–Friday.

10-day extended closure of Wilshire Blvd. is scheduled from 2/16/18 - 2/26/18. For more information, click [here](#).

Purple Line Extension: Jet Grouting on Wilshire Blvd.

On Friday, February 23, jet grouting activities will move to new locations on Wilshire Blvd. between Crescent Heights Blvd. and San Vicente Blvd. The work zone and closure will be established in the center lane of Wilshire Blvd. using K-rail, fencing and sound blankets. This work zone will be in place for approximately 12-16 weeks and will involve the following traffic control measures:

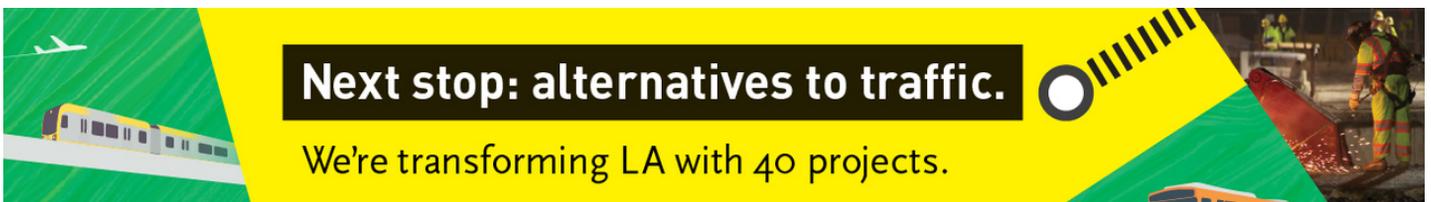
- Wilshire Blvd. will be reduced to two lanes in each direction between San Vicente Blvd. and Crescent Heights Blvd. The traffic tapering will extend east of Crescent Heights Blvd. to San Diego Way.
- Left turns will be restricted on Wilshire Blvd. at Crescent Heights Blvd.
- Left turns will be restricted from driveways on Wilshire Blvd. between Crescent Heights Blvd.
- Parking restrictions on Wilshire Blvd. will be in place between Crescent Heights Blvd. and San Vicente Blvd.
- Loading zones and the center median of Wilshire Blvd. will be unavailable during this time.

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

"Dreams are free. Goals have a cost. While you can daydream for free, goals don't come without a price - time, effort, sacrifice, and sweat."

- Usain Bolt

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