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NextGen Bus Study: Youth Engagement

Last Friday, we launched the youth engagement listening campaign by hosting the first workshop with students from the Da Vinci Schools based in the City of Torrance. About 60 high school juniors rode the Metro system to Metro Gateway Headquarters to engage in brainstorming sessions that they call “Jam” sessions. As a part of their experiential learning curriculum, the students worked in teams focusing on Strategic Communications, Journalism, Computer Science, and Music and Media to help Metro develop ideas to address youth ridership on our buses. They identified barriers they face when using public transit and thought of innovative solutions to connect to Metro’s services.

The students will work over the next two months to develop a transportation themed publication, videos geared towards students, advertising briefs for possible publications, app designs, and interactive web-designs to appeal to young transit riders. The students will be developing these products with a couple of check-ins with Metro staff from the various units within the Communications Department.



April Operations and Maintenance Employees of the Month

Operations Department recognized a few employees from Transportation, Maintenance and Logistics during last week's System Safety, Security and Operations Committee Meeting as the department's April 2018 employees of the Month.

The Transportation Employee of the Month award was presented to Mr. Drew L. Fowlkes, Bus Operator at Division 9, El Monte. Mr. Fowlkes began his career in 1999, serving Metro for 18 years now. He is an exemplary employee who is the Chairman of the Accident Reduction Tactics & Strategies (ARTS) Team running the monthly meetings. He initiated the Line Captain Program and is the Line Captain for the Silver Line 910 Express Service. Mr. Fowlkes is a Line Mentor and is responsible for the Division's efforts when training new Operators. It is notable that he is very active in our "Safety Culture" at Division 9 and enjoys having an impact on our safety practices. In addition, Mr. Fowlkes initiated and administered a "Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign" at Division 9 involving pink breast cancer awareness polo shirts purchased and worn by employees every Friday during Breast Cancer Awareness month. His efforts culminated with the delivery of a check in the amount of \$10,500 dollars to the American Cancer Society at the Susan G. Komen March at the Convention Center.

The Maintenance Employee of the Month award was presented to Mr. Eskender Abraham, Mechanic A Leader at Division 4, Downey. Mr. Abraham is a 4 year employee who started with Metro in 2014. During this time, he has proven to be a dedicated hard working employee with a commitment to improving operations and identifying opportunities to make his areas of responsibility more efficient. As a leader of the emergency generator team, he trains new mechanics, develops maintenance plans, and creates a detailed footprint of all generators including the model, engine type, fuel tank capacity, fuel consumption, etc. for maintenance and operation purposes. Through his innovation, he has designed and outfitted 12 of the largest emergency generators with a universal quick fitting to drain engine oil. The result of his invention has produced positive outcomes for the Non-Revenue Department.

Lastly, the Logistics Employee of the Quarter award was presented to Mr. Branden Atkins, Storekeeper at Central Warehouse. Mr. Atkins has been with Metro for 4 years, beginning his career in 2014. He has an exceptional work ethic and in many ways he exceeds the challenging requirements and expectations in his daily duties. Mr. Atkins works tirelessly to update his knowledge of procedures, guidelines, and experience from others. Similarly, he is very effective in sharing and teaching his skills to other employees. His supervisor noted, if there is one word to define Mr. Atkins it would be “teamwork”. He is always willing to take on difficult or challenging projects with the intent to see them through to successful completion. Coworkers have seen him resolve conflicts and handle difficult situations with patience, work safe, and use sound logic when making decisions.

I sincerely congratulate these three Metro employees on their recognitions by their supervisors and peers. I want to thank them for the excellence they display and encourage them to keep up the innovation, teamwork and leadership.



Do Something Nice for Our Mother (Earth): Free Rides on Metro on Earth Day

This coming Sunday, April 22 is Earth Day and the entire Metro system will be free to ride all day. Metro will become the first agency of its size in the United States to offer free rides on Earth Day. This idea was brought to us by Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti — and the free rides align perfectly with our values. Metro is a way to reduce driving, improve our air quality and lower greenhouse gases responsible for climate change. We are an agency that continually strives to lessen its environmental footprint. I hope the many folks who ride our system see that Metro, in fact, is a great way to go green and help Mother Earth every day of the year.

Leading up to Earth Day, Metro will be participating in various events this week:

1. Earth Day Grand Park Thursday April 19 from 9 to 2 pm. This is an annual event that features performances, tours, plant giveaways and demonstration of the latest in green technology. A select number of school groups will be transported to attend the event. In partnership with the LA Metro Sustainability Council members and LADWP, Metro is providing educational and fun materials in to be

included in 500 school backpacks that will be given away to 500 LA County students. This event will be at the Grand Park, Music Center.

2. In partnership with the US Green Building Council (USGBC), LA Metro will host a panel at the USGBC Municipal Green Building Conference and Expo on April 19 from 2 pm through 3:30 pm at the Gas Company Energy and Resource Center, Downey, CA. The panel will discuss the challenges of planning, procuring, constructing, and maintaining green infrastructure specifically in an era of more frequent and intense extreme weather events. Perspectives from the constructor, non-profit, design, procurement, and technology, and owner perspectives will be explored.

3. Working with the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, LA Metro staff and the Sustainability Council will participate in the Earth Day LA Sanitation event to be held on April 21 at 6150 Piedmont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90042 from 10 am through 2 pm. This is the third year the event is being held. LA Metro will have a booth to provide information about our agency and on our environmental and sustainability initiatives. Metro Sustainability Council members will also be at hand to assist. There is no charge for admission, and all are welcome.

Collaboration amongst Metro's various departments led by our Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Department along with Communications and Marketing, Planning, and Vendor/Contract Management staff made all of these event efforts possible this year. Metro Sustainability Council members were also instrumental in providing volunteer support during the planning and execution. A big thank you goes out to Metro staff and our stakeholders.

The End of an Era: Metro Bus Tokens to be Eliminated Next Month

After years of discussion, Metro has confirmed an elimination of bus tokens as fare payment for Metro bus rides. Starting Tuesday, May 15, 2018, Metro will no longer sell tokens at our customer centers but will continue to accept them as payment until November 29, 2019. Current token holders are encouraged to load fare onto a TAP card, the safest and most convenient way to travel throughout LA County. The discontinuation of tokens is another step towards simplifying Metro's fare system and creating a more convenient and overall better customer experience.



Procurement Postings

ExpressLanes Channelizers and Epoxy (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Channelizers & Epoxy. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, April 13, 2018 through Friday, June 29, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of up to 400 Channelizers & Epoxy for the Metro ExpressLanes.

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.

Blue and Gold Line Train Control Batteries (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Train Control Batteries. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, April 12, 2018 through Friday, August 24, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of up to 700 train control batteries for the Metro's Blue and Gold Lines.

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.

Regional Construction Industry Workforce Disparity Study (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a qualified consultant to conduct a comprehensive workforce disparity study. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday April 16, 2018 through Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

Metro seeks a qualified consultant to conduct a comprehensive workforce disparity study to identify the availability of women in the construction trades within the Los Angeles County region.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Greg Baker, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7577.

P2550 Static Inverter APS/LVPS Assembly Overhaul (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking proposals from qualified firms to perform overhaul services for the Gold Line P2550 Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Static Inverter APS/LVPS. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, April 17, 2018 through Monday, October 1, 2018.

This procurement is to provide services to overhaul upgrade and restore the P2550 Static Inverter APS/LVPS Assembly kits used on the Metro Gold Line P2550 Passenger LRVs. There is one (1) Static Inverter APS/LVPS per P2550 car for fifty (50) cars plus spares for a total of up to fifty-two (52) kits. The Contractor is required to pick-up, overhaul and upgrade, test, inspect, deliver, and warrant the static inverter APS/LVPS assembly kits in accordance with the specifications in the solicitation.

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.

Metro Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Replacement Project (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure replacement Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

units. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, April 16, 2018 through Monday, May 28, 2018.

Metro is seeking a qualified contractor to provide replacement Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units agency wide.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Marc Margoni, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1304.

Design/Build, Construction Management and Wheel Press Machine Replacement for Division 20 Red Line Rail Main Yard (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Design/Build, Construction Management & Wheel Press Machine replacement for Division 20. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, April 6, 2018 through Friday, August 31, 2018.

The purpose of the project is to replace the Wheel Press Machine in Division 20 at the Metro Red Line Main Yard to support ongoing maintenance of Metro's rail vehicles and equipment.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Edmund Gonzales, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3073.

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, Patsaouras Bus Plaza, I-5

Regional Connector: Gold Line Little Tokyo/Arts District Station Closure

The Metro Gold Line Little Tokyo/Arts District Station will be closed on Saturday, April 21 as work progresses on the Regional Connector Transit Project. Construction crews will begin building the 1st Street portal, where trains to/from East Los Angeles will enter and exit the new tunnel.

Free bus shuttles will be available to pick-up and drop-off riders between Union Station, Little Tokyo and Pico/Aliso Stations during the closure. For more information click on the linked title above.

Patsaouras Bus Plaza: I-10 Busway Bridge Westbound Lane Closure

EXTENDED - The I-10 Busway Bridge between Alameda Street and Mission Rd. will be closed in the westbound direction, April 16 thru 19, 2018, between the hours of 9:00pm and 7:00am, as construction crews perform related project work. The eastbound busway will close between Alameda Street and Route I-710. Westbound busway traffic will close and detour at Route I-5.

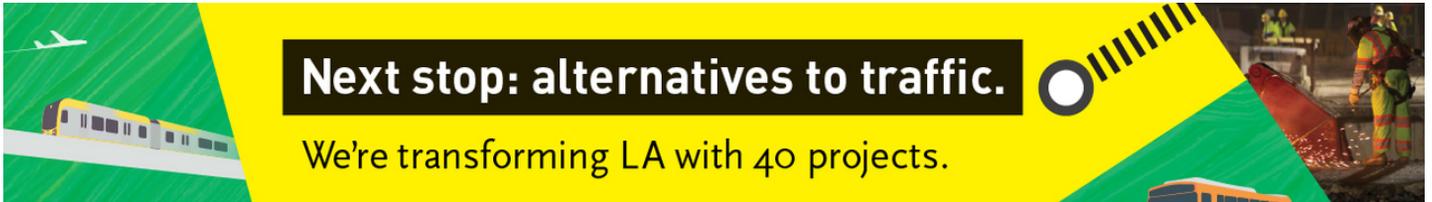
Patsaouras Bus Plaza: Center St., Full Street Closure

EXTENDED - Center St. between Ramirez St. & Commercial St., adjacent to the project workzone, will experience a full street closure beginning Monday, April 16 through Thursday, April 19, 2018, late night between the hours of 9:00pm and 5:00am. These closures are required as construction crews perform project related work at this location.

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

"If everybody is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking."

~ General George S. Patton



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