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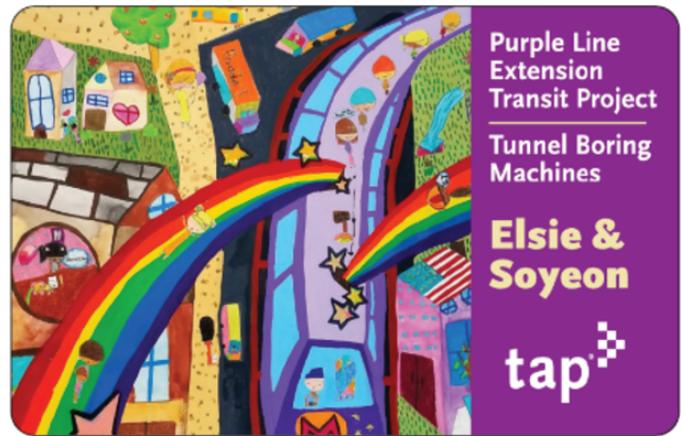
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Community Celebrates Tunnel Boring Machine Unveiling

Last week, Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins joined Metro Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles Councilmember David Ryu, naming and artwork contest winners, and community stakeholders for the Purple Line Extension Tunnel Boring Machine Unveiling Ceremony. Congratulations to Marianne Gutierrez from Fairfax High School for winning the contest to name the twin TBM's "Elsie" and "Soyeon". Soyeon is Korean for "bright" and "beautiful" and was named after female astronaut and mechanical engineer Yi Soyeon. Elsie was named after Elsie Eaves, the first female to be elected as a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Also, a big congratulations to Lauren Park, who attends both Palm Crest Elementary in La Canada and Prism Art School in Koreatown, for submitting the winning the artwork that will be depicted on the TBM's. Her colorful winning illustration showed her ideal community which included Purple Line Extension service.

The twin TBM's will be lowered into the Wilshire/La Brea Station site and will travel east to Wilshire/Western Station for the first construction segment that is expected to begin in August 2018. Section 1 will add three new stations and 3.92 miles of new rail to Metro's Rail system between Koreatown and Beverly Hills. For more information on the Purple Line Extension Project, click [here](#).

Once again, congratulations to both of our winners and look out for commemorative TAP cards featuring the winning names and artwork at 7th Street/Metro Center, Wilshire/Vermont and Wilshire/Western Purple Line Stations.



Unsolicited Proposal Received for Aerial Rapid Transit to Dodger Stadium

Last week, Metro received an unsolicited proposal from Aerial Rapid Transit Technologies LLC (ARTT) to build an aerial tram that would carry passengers between Los Angeles Union Station and Dodger Stadium. Through our Unsolicited Proposals Policy, we will evaluate the proposal and determine if it has merit within 60 days and whether to advance it to a more detailed review. Metro set up the Unsolicited Proposal process to encourage innovation and big thinking about how to transform transportation. Proposals like this, and all other ideas that provide a good alternative to driving, Metro will take into serious consideration and we are eager to consider this proposal from the private sector. More information about this proposal can be found on [The Source](#).

Inaugural Screening of Moms and Mobility Documentary Short

Last Tuesday, Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins, Chief Policy Officer Elba Higueros and Principal Transportation Planner Claudia Galicia attended the inaugural screening of the documentary short "Moms and Mobility," hosted by Investing in Place in partnership with South Central Los Angeles Ministry Project (LAMP). The event included a screening of the documentary short followed by a brief discussion with mostly women participants regarding the needs and issues navigating Los Angeles' public transportation system by mothers and children. Staff received valuable insights from the South Central LA community members who are in large part transit dependent. Events like these will assist Metro in our continued efforts to optimize our bus routes and understand the needs of our riders.

Thank you to Investing in Place and LAMP for inviting Metro to be a part of this screening. Metro's Women and Girls Governing Council are coordinating plans to bring this documentary short to Gateway Headquarters to be viewed and discussed by Metro employees. A trailer of the film can be viewed [here](#).



Los Angeles County Supports Denim Day

Last week, Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins joined Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Chair Eric Garcetti, Executive Director of Peace Over Violence (POV) Patti Giggans, and many other stakeholders, community members and supporters of “Denim Day” at Los Angeles City Hall. For the past 19 years, POV has run its Denim Day campaign in honor of Sexual Violence Awareness Month. The campaign was originally triggered by a ruling from the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped her rapist remove her jeans, thereby implying consent. The following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim. POV developed the Denim Day campaign in response to this case. Wearing jeans on Denim Day has become a symbol of protest against false attitudes regarding sexual assault. The organization asks community members, elected officials, businesses and students to make a social statement by wearing jeans on this day.

Metro is proud to support all efforts to combat sexual harassment and other unsolicited situations for women in and around our transit system. Denim Day was a great opportunity to remind the public of Metro’s “It’s Off Limits” campaign, anti-sexual harassment hotline number and improved law enforcement presence that have helped reduce a broad range of crimes on the Metro system since the agency’s multi-agency contract was initiated in July 2017. Our goal is to have Metro customers feel safe on our system at all times – safety will always be priority number one at Metro.

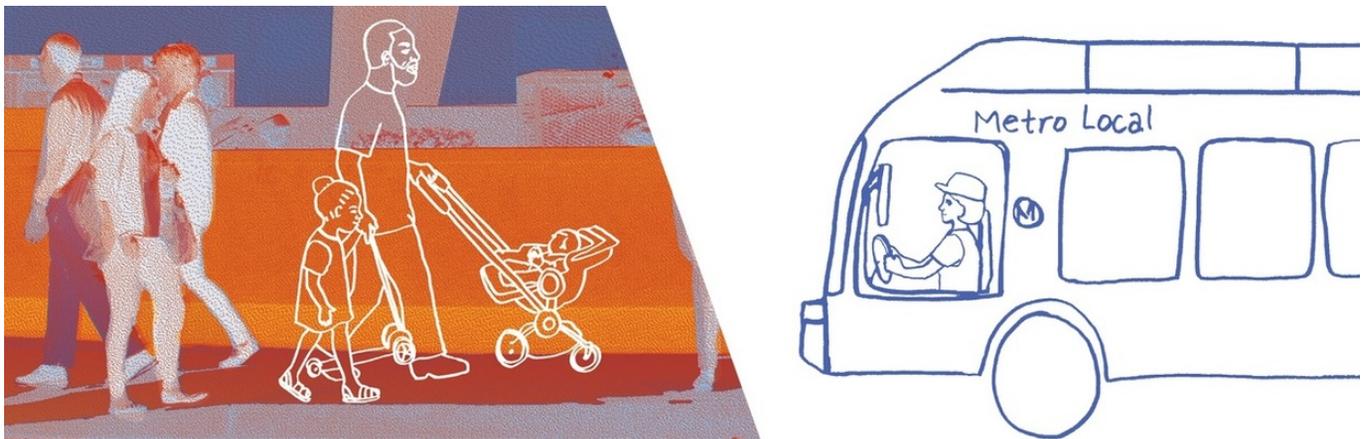
Metro Vision 2028 Released for Public Comment

On Friday, April 27, we released our agency’s draft strategic plan, Metro Vision 2028, for a four-week public comment period. Metro Vision 2028 is our agency’s big picture plan to improve mobility in Los Angeles County and explains what the public can expect from Metro over the next ten years. This is a bold and ambitious plan that intends to marshal the creativity, resources, and political will to shape our mobility future and unleash Los Angeles County’s unparalleled economic and social promise. Vision 2028 is the result of more than 17-months of research, discussion, and internal and external outreach by Metro’s Office of Extraordinary Innovation (OEI). I want to thank everyone who has been involved in this process. Particularly, your feedback on the Metro Team Survey helped shape the goal and initiatives about our organization under

Goal 5 (Provide responsive, accountable and trustworthy governance within the Metro organization).

Vision 2028 builds on some key initiatives already underway now at Metro — and includes strategic actions that go well beyond the status quo. The Plan sets Metro’s strategic direction and serves as the foundation for all other Metro plans, programs, and services. For example, the already in progress Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update and the NextGen Bus Study will start to operationalize and take a more detailed focus on how we will accomplish goals in Vision 2028. The Plan shifts Metro’s focus from the system Metro operates to the mobility ecosystem as a whole. We are not just a transit agency – we are a mobility agency.

You can read more about Vision 2028 and provide public comment [here](#). The Metro Board of Directors will consider adopting the Plan at their meeting on June 28, 2018.



Metro and AARP Host Virtual Town Hall on Los Angeles County Transportation

Last Thursday, Metro’s On the Move Riders Program (OTMRP) held a live tele-town hall meeting to talk about the educational opportunities the program provides to older adults. The event was in partnership with AARP who called 35,000 of its members, inviting them to listen in and learn about how to navigate LA County’s transportation system through travel training, informational transit tours and transit safety education. Featured presenters included Lilly Ortiz who manages OTMRP and volunteer Travel Buddy, Marilyn Peters, who leads a travel training club for her local AARP 5117 Chapter (Crenshaw area). This was a very successful initiative with many members listening in, getting questions answered and learning about upcoming training classes in their regions. Additional information about OTMRP can be found [here](#).

Next Stop: Retirement

I want to recognize and say thank you to those who have retired this past month after serving at Metro for 15 years or more. We sincerely appreciate all your hard work, dedication, and the years of service to our agency. I am sure you have inspired others through your accomplishments and have served as a role model to those that are beginning their careers at Metro. I hope you all have a wonderful retirement full of happiness, success and good health.

NAME	Title/Division	Years of Service
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Thomas Jasmin	Director - Rail Transportation Control Center	42
Linda Reed	Executive Secretary - Maintenance	40
Jose Gonzales	Bus Operator - Division 10	27.75
Alvin Bell	Sr. Service Attendant - Blue Line Fleet Services	27
Leandro Guzman	Bus Operator - Division 5	27
Diego Cardoso	Executive Officer, Countywide Planning-Gateway	25.25
Alfredo Alcantara	Facilities Sys. Tech. Leader - Facilities Maint.	24.75
Lloyd Boucher	Sr. Manager - Third Party Administration	21.5
Ismael Ortiz	Mechanic A - Division 3	21.25
Cynthia Pink	Bus Operator - Division 18	17.75

Procurement Postings

MOW Protrans (IFB)

Metro will release an IFB SD48615 to procure the Protrans Personal Alert Device (PAD) for Rail Maintenance of Way (MOW). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, May 10, 2018 through Thursday, June 28, 2018.

The MOW Protrans PAD is a safety item provided for Wayside employees, working on train platforms and rail right of way. The PAD communicates with the system on the train to alert the wayside workers of an approaching train. This procurement will allow for continuous availability of the safety equipment.

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.

Cylinder Head Assembly (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Cylinder Head Assembly. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, May 1, 2018 through Friday, September 28, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of cylinder head assemblies for the Cummins engines 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.

SR-60/7th Avenue Interchange Improvements (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit the preparation of the Project Report and Environmental Document (PAED) for approval, and the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) for the construction of the SR-60/7th Avenue Interchange Improvements Project. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, April 30, 2018 through Monday, September 10, 2018.

Metro will seek proposals from well-qualified professional and technical firms for development of the PAED and PS&E for proposed improvements to the SR-60/7th Avenue Interchange, in a highly urbanized area

within Hacienda Heights in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Andrew Conriquez, Principal Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-3528.

Disadvantaged and Small Business Enterprise Certification Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to establish a Disadvantaged and Small Business Enterprise certification services bench. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday April 30, 2018 through Friday, September 7, 2018.

Metro will establish a certification bench to procure the services of qualified and experienced firms to provide support services in processing applications for eligibility determinations for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certification under the regulations at 49 CFR Part 26 and applications for Small Business Enterprise (SBE) certification under the Metro SBE Program to assist in meeting critical deadlines and assist with compliance services.

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.

Ignition Coil (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Ignition Coil. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, May 1, 2018 through Monday, October 1, 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.

Construction Notices: Patsaouras Bus Plaza, I-5

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 30 thru May 1, 2018, between the hours of 9:00pm and 5:00am, as construction crews perform related project work. Westbound busway traffic will close and detour at Route I-5.

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

"Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose."

~ Lyndon B. Johnson



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