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### Joining our Construction Partners for National Safety Week

Today, we are proud to participate in National Safety Week, May 7 through May 11, joining more than 60 construction firms across the country and Canada to promote safety at our plethora of transit project construction sites. I joined Safety Week Executive Committee Member Mike Taylor, Darrell Walters of Walsh-Shea and the Crenshaw/LAX Project, Mike Aparicio of Skanska and the Regional Connector Project, Metro Executive Officer Gary Baker and other construction partners for an official press event to kick off the safety week luncheon.

Metro is eager to help raise awareness of construction safety to our thousands of workers that are now building the Metro Purple Line Extension, Regional Connector, Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor and the Patsaouras Plaza Busway Station Project, among others. Our contractors have worked nearly 9.78 million hours through January 2018 with an injury rate of 2.0 per 200,000 work hours. I am happy to say that our numbers are lower than the industry average but we remain committed to improving those numbers and decreasing workplace injuries.

Not only do we want our workers to be safe, but also the communities surrounding construction sites as well as our riders. In conjunction with National Safety Week, Metro's Community Education (MCE) team will be

hosting several Pop-Up Safety Events to share safety information to our riders at some of the busiest stations on the Red, Purple, Blue, Expo and Gold Line. The events will run from May 7 through May 12. To view a calendar of the events and locations click [here](#).



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## **Economic & Development Planning Awarded to Regional Connector & Go Little Tokyo Planning Team**

Recently, the *Go Little Tokyo* Marketing & Advertising Campaign that invites business patronage and presents the cultural allure of this Gold Line destination, won the American Planning Association's (APA) Los Angeles 2018 award in the category of "Excellence in Economic Planning & Development." The award is made to the partnership of the Little Tokyo Community Council (LTCC), Community Arts Resources (CARS) and Metro. An official awards ceremony will take place in June.

The work performed by the Regional Connector staff, in partnership with LTCC and CARS, is construction mitigation for the Little Tokyo community, 1 of 3 remaining Japantowns in the U.S. and a designated U.S. EPA, Environmental Justice Community. The *Go Little Tokyo* team collaboratively manages all aspects of the campaign, including: creation of a unified immersive neighborhood brand, website, regular marketing of neighborhood businesses, institutions and community groups through traditional and online media, creation of temporary way-finding and signage, and pop-up neighborhood engagement events. The cultural content and event experiences are developed by LTCC with CARS ensuring it is authentic to the history, culture and values of Little Tokyo.

The phase I program development and implementation began in 2014 and is now in its second phase. It leverages a multi-platform regional outreach strategy to build destination appeal through the celebration of culture and unique small business promotions. This program will remain in place until construction mitigations are addressed at project end in 2021. Due to the success of the program, the LTCC is planning the

continuation of the campaign post construction. Congratulations to the team and our thanks to the APA for this award recognizing the great work we do in our communities.



## Partnering with the Faith Community to Introduce Career Opportunities

In 2015, Metro began an engagement program with a group of faith-based community leaders from South Los Angeles to seek their input on a variety of Metro policies, programs, and initiatives known as the Faith Leaders' Advisory Council. The Council has since been expanded countywide to include a diverse representation of faith-based community leaders.

The effect of this inclusionary partnership was recently demonstrated through Metro's collaboration with the Faith and Community Empowerment (FACE) at the Jobs Opportunity and Business Success Initiative press conference held last month. This event brought together FACE, Metro, the City of Los Angeles and other employers to focus on introducing industries and career opportunities to the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community.

Metro was represented by Deputy Executive Officer Shalonda Baldwin of our Diversity and Economic Opportunity team. Shalonda shared our agency's commitment to attract, hire and grow a world-class transportation workforce from our diverse communities through our strategic workforce development programs such as Workforce Initiative Now-Los Angeles (WIN-LA), Women Build Metro LA (WBMLA), our NexGen early career programs and others.



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## Metro and On the Move Riders Program 6th Annual Travel Buddy Recognition Luncheon

Last week, I stopped in to visit with On the Move Riders Program “Travel Buddies” and Metro Staff during their 6th Annual Travel Buddy Recognition Luncheon. The luncheon recognizes the work of these volunteer travel trainers who plan and lead monthly outings on public transportation for the older adults in their community. There are over 45 Travel Buddies throughout the County of Los Angeles and that number continues to expand. Many of the group members attended the luncheon held here at Metro Gateway Headquarters and I was happy to greet them and take a few good questions they had regarding various Metro Projects.

The successful On the Move Riders Program provides educational presentations and a peer-to-peer travel-training program designed to encourage seniors to learn how to use public transportation. The Program works to enhance and improve senior mobility by establishing travel clubs composed of older adults who are experienced transit users (Travel Buddies) and less experienced older adults who travel together to destinations throughout the County of Los Angeles using public transportation. This unique approach provides older adults with invaluable services and information, empowerment through hands-on practice, and gives them the confidence to ride public transit independently.



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## LA Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvement Project

The LA Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements project is moving forward into design and, in partnership with El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, project design will include improvements to Father Serra Park. A community design workshop will be held for the public on Wednesday, May 9th, 6-8pm, at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, to receive general feedback and input on active transportation features and Father Serra Park improvements. The project aims to enhance safety and improve pedestrian and bicycle connections between Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) and surrounding communities.

Learn more about the project and the workshop by visiting the project website [here](#).



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## Procurement Postings

### P2550 Propulsion Inverter Module Overhauls (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking proposals from qualified firms to perform overhaul services for the Gold Line P2550 Propulsion Inverter Phase Modules (Module). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, May 4, 2018 through Friday, September 07, 2018.

This procurement is to provide services to overhaul and upgrade P2550 Propulsion Inverter Phase Modules (Module) and restore the Modules to an 'as-manufactured' condition. In addition, there are 37 spare Modules for a total of 437 Modules that require overhaul. The Contractor shall pickup, overhaul and upgrade, test, inspect, deliver, and warrant the propulsion inverter phase module kits according to 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 Jean M. Davis, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1041.

### Plug-in Battery Electric Vehicle (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Plug-in Electric Vehicle. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, May 3, 2018 through Friday, August 31, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of ten (10) plug-in electric vehicles to replace vehicles in the current fleet that support Metro 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 Swing Loader (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Rail Swing Loader. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, May 3, 2018 through Friday, August 31, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of one (1) rail swing loader to replace equipment in the current fleet that has exceeded its useful life.

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.

#### Cooling System Kits (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Engine Cooling System Kits. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, May 4, 2018 through Friday, September 28, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of cooling system kits 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.

#### Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Vision and Principles Study (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional services for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Vision and Principles Study. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from May 10, 2018 through September 6, 2018.

The qualified firm shall have thorough knowledge and experience with of BRT planning principles and operations necessary to establish clear vision, goals and objectives for a Countywide BRT system. The vision, goals and objectives will be supported and reinforced by the development of design and performance criteria and the identification and prioritization of future potential BRT corridors.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Adrian Luesang, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3313.

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### **Construction Notices: Crenshaw/LAX, Purple Line, I-5**

#### Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project: Two Night Street Closure of Arbor Vitae St and Portal Av

As part of Metro's Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC) will be working on the OCS (overhead catenary system) wire installation on Arbor Vitae St and Portal Av. This will require a full closure of Arbor Vitae St at Portal Av with traffic detours being implemented at Aviation Bl and Airport Bl for two nights. The full street closure is expected to run from Monday, May 14, 2018 through Tuesday, May 15, 2018 from 9pm to 6am.

#### Metro Purple Line Extension Project: Sidewalk Closure - Wilshire between Hamilton and Gale

Starting Monday, May 7 to Monday, May 21 the sidewalk on the north side of Wilshire Blvd. will be closed between Hamilton Dr. and Gale Dr. to facilitate utility work and to continue work on the Gale Yard sound wall bump out. For more details click the underlined title above.

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

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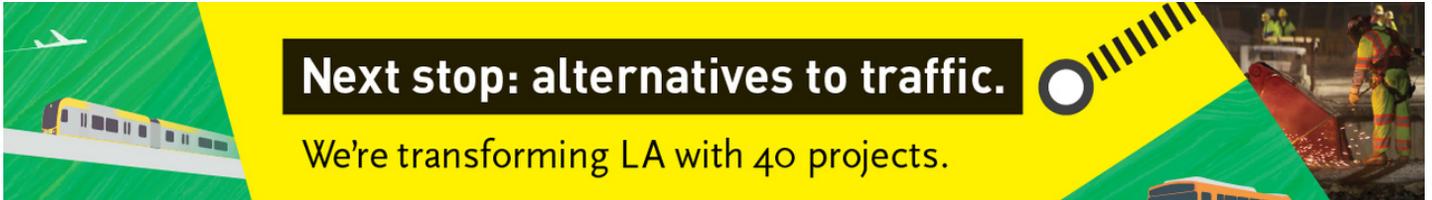
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~ Italo Calvino

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