

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### **Complete Refurbish of Blue Line's Willowbrook Rosa Parks Station Begins**

Last week I joined Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Mark Ridley-Thomas, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Director Ray Tellis, and local stakeholders to announce the start of major improvements to the Metro Blue Line's Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station. The work will completely transform the fourth-busiest station in the Metro Rail system by improving access, expanding capacity, adding community space and better connecting the station to the surrounding community.

Among other improvements, the station will have a new Customer Service Center, Transit Security Center, Bike Hub and self-cleaning, automated public restrooms for patrons. The open-air plaza has also been designed as a public resource to be used for community events, special exhibits, celebrations and movie nights. The \$109-million improvement project is funded by a combination of local money and state and federal grants.

Early construction work will take place over the rest of this year. In early January, the station will close for eight to nine months as part of the New Blue project to modernize the Blue Line. During the closure, rail service to the station will be replaced by bus shuttles. For more information on the New Blue Improvements Project, visit the project website, [here](#).



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### Transfer Design Guide Receives "Best Practice" Planning Award

We are delighted to announce that the [Metro Transfers Design Guide](#) has won the "Best Practice in Planning" award from the local and state chapters of the American Planning Association (APA). The Transfers Guide focuses on improving the customer experience for the "complete journey" given that close to two-thirds of Metro riders transfer as part of their trip. The document was developed with the input of customer focus groups, advisory groups representing local transit operators and jurisdictions, and over 80 Metro staff across departments.

The Guide provides recommendations to improve the design of bus stops, BRT and rail stations, and city streets to improve connectivity and convenience for riders. The document serves as a resource for multiple audiences, including: Metro staff, local transit providers, cities, and developers. By focusing on the customer, the Guide aims to elevate the rider experience for Measure M projects, as well as strategic planning efforts (e.g. Long Range Transportation Plan and NextGen Bus Study).

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### Metro Staff Honored at LURN Summer Nights Event

On Wednesday, August 22, Metro Executive Officer for Transit Oriented Communities, Jenna Hornstock, was one of three honorees considered "Unsung Heroes of Los Angeles" at the Leadership for Urban Renewal Network (LURN) Summer Nights event. LURN is a non-profit community development organization whose mission is to bring people together to design, build and promote sustainable communities that allow people to live their greatest potential.

Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins and President of the East Los Angeles Community Corporation Isela Gracian presented the award to Jenna. Presenter's remarks focused on Jenna's work as a change agent for how Metro engages community, the agency's commitment to affordable housing near transit and leadership in managing the joint development

process for Metro-owned sites in Boyle Heights, in particular Mariachi Plaza. Congratulations to Jenna on this well-deserved honor and we thank her for her commitment to providing excellence in service and support.



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## Procurement Postings

### Enterprise Asset Management System Software Acquisition & Software Support Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a fully integrated, Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) Enterprise Asset Management System software solution. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, August 23, 2018 through Friday, April 12, 2019.

The proposed software shall provide comprehensive asset and inventory management functionality.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Manchi Yi, Principal Contract Administrator, at (213) 418-3332.

### Engineering and Design On-Call Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure on-call engineering and design services from qualified Architectural and Engineering firms. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 27, 2018 through Thursday, November 1, 2018.

The qualified firms will support the Metro Regional Rail Unit's planning and coordination efforts for current regional, intercity and interstate passenger rail operators and future high speed rail program in Los Angeles County. The qualified firms will provide engineering and design, right-of-way and utility, and community support services for small, medium, and large scale projects.

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.

### Planning and Environmental On-Call Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure on-call planning and environmental services from qualified Architectural and Engineering firms. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 27, 2018 through Thursday, November 1, 2018.

The qualified firms will support the Metro Regional Rail Unit's planning and coordination efforts for current regional, intercity and interstate passenger rail operators and future high speed rail program in Los Angeles County. The qualified firms will provide planning and technical studies, environmental, and community support services for small, medium and large scale projects.

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.

### Program Management Advisory Services On-Call Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure on-call program management advisory services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 27, 2018 through Thursday, November 1, 2018.

The qualified firms will support the Metro Regional Rail Unit's planning and coordination efforts for current regional, intercity and interstate passenger rail operators and future high speed rail program in Los Angeles County, The qualified firms will provide financial advisory support and legislative advisory/advocacy services for small, medium, and large scale projects to support the Regional Rail program.

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.

#### Project Management On-Call Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure on-call project management services from qualified Architectural and Engineering firms. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 27, 2018 through Thursday, November 1, 2018.

The qualified firms will support the Metro Regional Rail Unit's planning and coordination efforts for current regional, intercity and interstate passenger rail operators and future high speed rail program in Los Angeles County. The qualified firms will provide project management, engineering support services during construction and community support services for small, medium and large scale projects.

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.

#### Little Tokyo/Arts District Station Joint Development Opportunity (RFIQ)

Metro released a Request for Interest and Qualifications for joint development of the Little Tokyo/Arts District Station. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 27, 2018 through Thursday, June 6, 2019.

The qualified firm will work with Metro to plan, design, finance, construct and operate a project that is compatible with the area's historic fabric, supports local businesses, creates an iconic place for both existing residents and visitors, and furthers Metro's Transit Oriented Communities goals.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Gina Romo, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7558.

#### Tree Trimming for Metro Orange Line (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) seeking a qualified contractor to provide tree trimming services for trees 13 feet tall and over, along the Metro Orange Line, an 18-mile long dedicated Busway that connects the east and West San Fernando Valley communities. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Business only.** The procurement blackout period is expected to run from August 30, 2018 through December 20, 2018.

The qualified contractor will provide tree trimming services along the entire length of the Busway, including its 18 transit stations which are all landscaped and irrigated. There is roughly 2.3 million square feet of landscaping and nearly 8,000 trees on the right-of-way, stations and park-and-ride lots

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Rommel Hilario, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4654.

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## **Construction Notices - Regional Connector, I-5**

### **Regional Connector Transit Project: Weekend Closure of Flower St/6th St**

Construction of the Regional Connector has reached the halfway mark, and crews can now start building the connection to the 7th St/Metro Center station in downtown L.A.'s Financial District. Beginning Saturday, July 7, a series of Flower St weekend closures will be in effect through October 22 in downtown LA's Financial District.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All construction updates [here](#).

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"Nothing in life is more liberating than to fight for a cause larger than yourself, something that encompasses you but is not defined by your existence alone."

~ John S. McCain



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8:00am - 4:30pm (Saturday/Sunday)