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### Visiting SEED Schools in Maryland and Washington D.C.

Last week, I joined Metro Board Member and LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chief Human Capital and Development Officer Joanne Peterson, Staff from Metro Chair Sheila Kuehl's Office and a delegation of local stakeholders invested in the creation of a transportation-focused boarding school serving at-risk youth throughout Los Angeles County, to visit SEED DC and SEED Maryland schools.

We toured the two schools, SEED D.C. which services nearly 400 kids from grades 6 through 9; and the SEED Maryland School serving over 400 youth in the same grades. We were able to witness their educational model being applied, the vast wrap-around services for the “scholar” and their family members and the safe, nurturing environment that has been built within this boarding school program. Most importantly, we witnessed the enthusiasm and the keenly focused discipline of the scholars as we talked to them about their future plans. This educational model has produced successful first-generation college students/graduates, whom would have never been able to have access to the privileges of so many advantaged young people in this country.

The entire group left the experience charged to contribute to the development of the Los Angeles SEED School. This will be the first industry-focused school in SEED's portfolio and they believe this type of sponsorship will only improve the outcomes that they have delivered in their current schools. The two days concluded with LA County, Metro and SEED committed to making continuous improvements to build a world-class project for our emerging workforce.

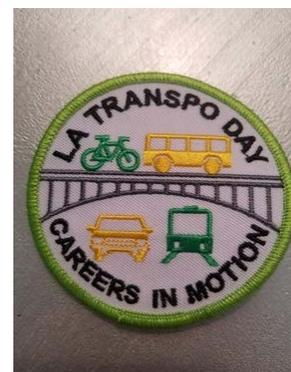


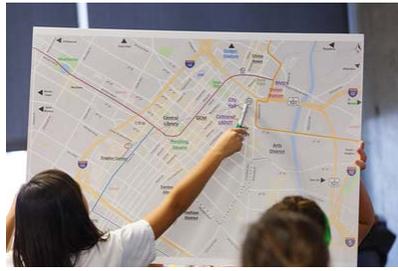
### Transportation Partners Host Transpo Day for Girl Scouts

Metro is committed to preparing youth for the plethora of careers in the transportation and infrastructure building industry. One of the ways of doing this is by exposing, educating and ultimately employing youth in our rapidly growing industry. On Saturday, Metro's Women and Girls Governing Council partnered with Metrolink, Caltrans and Los Angeles DOT to host Transpo Day: Careers in Motion for Girl Scouts of the Los Angeles region.

Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins and Metrolink Deputy CEO Elissa Konove provided welcoming remarks to the nearly 100 guests including girls scouts, their chaperones and industry partners. The young ladies ranging from grades 6 - 8 got a chance to listen to the inspiring stories and learn about the career paths of leading women in the transportation industry including Caltrans Chief Deputy District Director Shirley Choate, LADOT Assistant General Manager Monique Earl, and Metro's Chief Vendor Contract Management Officer and former Girl Scout Debra Avila.

Their exciting day included tours and learning sessions at the Caltrans, Metro, LADOT and Metrolink headquarters where they visited each by riding the Metro Red/Purple Lines. The young ladies also toured the Metro Gold Line to get a perspective of the light rail system compared to the heavy rail subway system. Upon completion of their day exploring and learning about public transportation, each Girl Scout earned a patch. This was an overall successful day for the advancement of young women in their career paths toward the transportation, engineering and infrastructure fields. I want to thank Metro Congestion Reduction Administrative Analyst Nicole Casalino for leading the organization of this event, our industry partners for their time and commitment, and the many volunteers who made this all possible.





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## Soft-Launch of WIN-LA Yields Nine New Employees

Metro's commitment to attract, hire and grow a world-class transportation workforce is crucial to our ability to transform and rebuild infrastructure in Los Angeles County; and most importantly provide safe and reliable transit services. This commitment is being met through Metro's Career Pathways, which includes Workforce Initiative Now-Los Angeles (WIN-LA). The core objective of WIN-LA is to help people obtain the education and training they need to get a career at Metro and in the transportation industry through identified career pathways.

We officially announced WIN-LA in July 2017 to our Board of Directors, regional workforce partners including prime contractors and many others.

In August, we kicked-off a soft-launch of the program and in keeping to our collaboration with the regional Workforce Development Board consortium including the Los Angeles Regional Community College Consortium and the Transportation Workforce Institute, we successfully hosted the inaugural WIN-LA cohort. I am proud to announce that we have the first WIN-LA participants to gain employment here at Metro and begin their careers in the transportation industry.

There are nine new employees who have entered the Operations/Maintenance Career Pathway in the positions of Service Attendant and Bus Operator. These new members of our Metro family are the first of many more to come and we look forward to guiding the more than sixty "job ready" women and men from the inaugural cohort into careers in this dynamic industry.

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## Artists Selected for Purple Line Extension Stations

A panel of nationally recognized curators, local arts professionals and community members from the Purple Line Extension Section 1 community has selected artists to create site-specific, integrated artworks for Wilshire/La Brea, Wilshire/Fairfax and Wilshire/La Cienega Stations, which are currently under construction. The artist selection panel carefully considered each artist's professional qualifications and examples of past work during the decision-making process. We are proud to have a diverse range of accomplished artists included in this selection.

Find out more about the artists and selection process on [The Source](#).



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### Wellness Fair and Benefits Open Enrollment

The Annual Wellness Fair and Open Enrollment Kickoff Event is Monday, November 5, and will be located on the Plaza level and 3rd floor of the Gateway Building from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 pm. Renew your commitment to improving and maintaining a healthy lifestyle by visiting the many vendors and participating in health screenings, bike rides, getting a much needed massage, or taking a break to meditate for 10 minutes.

- Free Flu Shots - Bring your medical card (CVS, Rite Aid and Kaiser)
- Glucose Zone, Blood Pressure, BMI
- Medical and Dental Carriers
- Medicare Information (Anthem and Kaiser)
- Ready America (Emergency Supplies)
- Eyes of Hope (donate your old glasses)
- One Fitness
- SMART-TD, ATU, TCU, and Teamsters representatives
- EAP
- TAG - Flexible Spending Accounts

After feeling energized and relaxed, consider getting a professional photo taken to update your online profile. Visit the Event 4 LA Photo Booth and let them help you put your best face forward.

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### Procurement Postings

#### Industry Review for the P2550 Light Rail Vehicle Modernization (RFP)

Metro is soliciting Industry Review comments on its draft Request For Proposal (RFP) for the modernization of fifty (50) P2550 Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, November 2, 2018 through Monday, January 7, 2019.

The purpose of the Industry Review is to familiarize prospective proposers with Metro's commercial and technical requirements for the P2550 LRV modernization Program and to obtain feedback from the industry prior to releasing the RFP solicitation. The modernization program shall address the replacement/upgrade of the propulsion, braking, communication, carbody, coupler, operator's Cab area and master controller,

passenger doors, HVAC, lighting, electrical system, ATC and monitor and diagnostic systems. The Industry Review documents are in draft form and may not represent the final RFP document. Metro will review and assess the industry comments and recommendations. Following this review period, Metro intends to advertise and release a formal RFP.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Robert Pennington, Principal Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-5527.

#### Orange Line Enroute Bus Charging Stations (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure the construction of electric charging bays along the Orange Bus Line Canoga Station, Chatsworth Station, and North Hollywood Station. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from October 26, 2018 through December 3, 2018.

Metro is seeking a qualified contractor to furnish and construct the infrastructure to support the electric bus (zero emission bus) operation along the Orange Line. This project will further promote Metro's culture of sustainability.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Alyssa Garcia, Assistant Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7574.

#### Roof Replacement Project at Metro Divisions 11 and 22 (IFB)

Metro will release an IFB to procure a contractor to complete roof replacement of the rail vehicle shops at Divisions 11 and 22. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from October 31, 2018 through January 31, 2019.

This Design/Build contract for Roof Replacement Project at Metro Divisions 11 and 22 includes field inspection, design and installation of new roofing system with warranty, abatement and disposal of existing asbestos containing construction materials (ACCM), and ancillary rough carpentry, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work.

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

#### Tree Trimming for Metro Orange Line (IFB)

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. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, October 31, 2018 through January 31, 2019.

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, Purple Line, I-5**

#### Regional Connector: Train Communications Line Work on Flower St

The Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) will begin construction on a train communications line on Flower St and 7th St, to tie the Regional Connector Transit Project to the existing station at 7th St/Metro Center.

Work is anticipated to continue for approximately six to nine months. Anticipated work hours, weather permitting, are 9 am to 3:30 pm and 9 pm to 5 am, Monday through Friday, and 7 am to 6 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

Thru traffic reduced during work hours on:

- Westbound 7th St, between Flower St and Figueroa
- Southbound Figueroa St between 7th St and 6th St

Purple Line Extension: Construction of Temporary Bus Layover on Santa Monica Blvd

A new temporary bus layover will be constructed in the median of Santa Monica Blvd. between Avenue of the Stars and Century Park East. Work is anticipated to start on October 15 and will take approximately 5 weeks to complete. Intermittent lane closures on Santa Monica Blvd will be implemented throughout construction.

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

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"If the world seems cold to you, kindle fires to warm it."

~ Lucy Larcom

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