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Regional Connector Project Director Chosen as One of Top 25 Newsmakers

I am pleased to share with you that Metro Regional Connector Project Director Gary Baker has been chosen by Engineering News Record (ENR) Magazine as one of the top 25 newsmakers for 2018. Gary was recently interviewed by the magazine to highlight his work with the Regional Connector Project and achievements here at Metro. Gary has been invited to attend their Newsmakers Award Luncheon in New York City on March 21 to receive his award along with the other 25 [Newsmakers](#) chosen by the magazine.

Those who have been around the agency the past few years are well aware of the challenges the Regional Connector Project faced throughout the initial phase of construction. It has taken innovation, collaboration and ingenuity to solve issues with undocumented surprises underground: utilities, pipelines, methane pockets, steel pilings and other buried relics from the city's past. Gary is a true leader who takes ownership of challenges and gives credit to his team and management. Please join me in congratulating Gary on this recognition by ENR Magazine.

To view the article on Gary Baker published by ENR Magazine, please click [here](#).



It's a Beautiful Day in Safetyville: Safetyville 2.0

Metro Community Education and Marketing have created a new series of the popular animated “Safetyville” rail safety videos. Released last week, the main goal of the videos is to create and maintain a safety culture for everyone who lives, works, and plays in Los Angeles County. Viewers revisit the town of Safetyville, where beautiful days are hard to come by due to safety-related issues in and around stations and train tracks. In both English and Spanish, the series of six videos remind people that “safety begins with you.” Don’t end up like the residents of Safetyville. Utilizing these proactive safety messages will help riders practice safe ridership as they use our service and remind them of the dangers of distractions.

To view the series of Safetyville videos, click [here](#).



Texas Delegation Visits Metro for Industry Information Exchange

This week we hosted a Texas delegation that was comprised of members from Texas Central, Houston METRO and Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas including others. The metropolitan areas of Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston and Austin are experiencing rapid population and corporate growth. As a result, several large-scale and transformative infrastructure projects are in various stages of development and implementation across the state including The Texas Central Railroad, a high-speed train that will connect Dallas and Houston.

In the spirit of industry information exchange and collaboration, the delegation spent two-days at Metro learning about a few of our capital projects such as LINK US, community outreach and stakeholder engagement programs including our strategic workforce development initiatives - WIN-LA and the transportation school. The delegation was also presented with an overview of our small business programs and other innovative initiatives that Metro has implemented to promote diversity and support communities as we build the future of transportation in our region.

Our regional workforce and educational partners from the City of LA, LA Community College District and the Transportation Workforce Institute including executive leadership from various transit municipal service providers also participated in the session as a demonstration of our regional collaboration. This visit reflects LA Metro's work to become the transportation center of excellence. Thank you to the many Metro representatives who helped to organize and assist with this visit and thanks to our partners from Texas for their interest in learning about the groundbreaking work we are doing here in Los Angeles.

Metro Kicks Off NextGen Public Workshops

Last week, we engaged more than 200 people at the first three NextGen Public Workshops held in Pacoima, West Hollywood, and Bell. Numerous Metro departments are participating in the workshops to provide information highly valued by our customers and to answer questions about safety and security, TAP cards, system and station cleanliness, and countywide planning initiatives such as the Long Range Transportation Plan.

These workshops are engaging the public one-on-one to provide direct input about the bus system in their area. Metro Service Planning is evaluating this input as they work to develop alternative service concepts and policy choices to redesign and improve the Metro bus system. These service concepts and policy choices will be presented to the Metro Board for consideration in Spring 2019.

Seven more workshops in each of the Service Council areas are scheduled through early February. We will be adding more in South LA, East LA, West LA, and a workshop focused on people with disabilities at the Communities Actively Living Independent and Free, a community-based organization. This coming week, there will be workshops in the Cities of San Gabriel and Torrance. We appreciate the support of Metro Board Directors in helping to spread the word about these workshops and invite them to continue doing so. More information about the already scheduled workshops is available on the Metro NextGen [Project webpage](#).



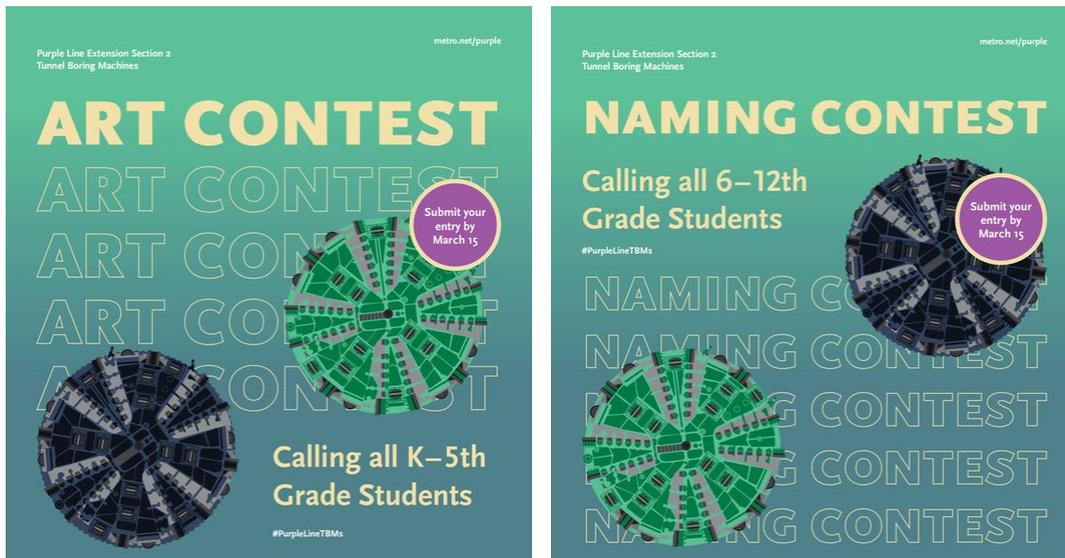
Purple Line Extension Section 2 Tunnel Boring Machines Art and Naming Contest

The Purple Line Extension Transit Project is adding two more tunnel boring machines (TBMs) to its boring machine family. The new additions will join Elsie and Soyeon, the TBMs currently digging Section 1 of the Purple Line Extension. The Section 2 TBMs will be responsible for the second leg of the tunneling journey, digging from Century City to Beverly Hills. In honor of this major milestone, Metro is inviting LA County students from kindergarten through 12th grade to participate in an art and naming contest for the TBMs.

The contest is divided into two categories:

- Students from kindergarten to 5th grade will compete to illustrate their ideal community with the Purple Line Extension
- Students from 6th through 12th grade will compete to choose two names, one for each of the TBMs.

To participate in the art contest, students need only to submit their drawings. For the naming contest, students must submit a 200-word essay or a two-minute video. Submissions for the TBM Art and Naming contest will be accepted January 14 – March 15, 2019. For detailed contest rules and submission information please visit the Purple Line Extension Project [webpage](#).



Procurement Postings

Media and Social Media Tracking Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking the services of an experienced and qualified professional firm to provide Media and Social Media Tracking Services. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Friday, January 11, 2019 through Monday, April 1, 2019.

The selected media monitoring services firm will assist Metro in tracking and quantifying results of regular agency business as well as individual public relations campaigns in print, online, radio and television and similar services.

Any and all inquiries concerning this procurement solicitation during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Art Torres, Senior Manager at (213) 922-1047.

Metro Blue Line TPSS Feeder Cable (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure TPSS Feeder Cable. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, January 10, 2019 through Friday, July 12, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of up to 80,000 feet of high voltage electrical Traction Power Supply Substation feeder cable for the Metro's Blue Line.

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.

One Ton Utility Trucks (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure One Ton Utility Trucks. The procurement process

blackout period is expected to run from Friday, January 11, 2019 through Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of eighteen (18) one-ton utility trucks to replace existing vehicles in Metro's non-revenue fleet to support bus and 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.

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, Crenshaw/LAX, I-5

Regional Connector: Deck Panel Removal for Excavation on Flower St

Excavation of the tunnel box below Flower St continues in downtown Los Angeles as part of efforts to connect the Regional Connector Transit Project to the existing 7th St/Metro Center Station. In order to effectively build the tunnel box, crews will remove segments of the road deck panels on weekdays during daytime hours, between 5th and 6th St with minimal impacts to the traveling public. To learn more, click [here](#) for the full construction notice.

Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project: Temporary Green Line Station Closures

The Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project is laying the foundation and making connections for the future. In order to make the necessary connections between the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project and the Green Line, Metro has suspended rail service between the Crenshaw Station and Redondo Beach Station.

Green Line rail service will be suspended between Crenshaw Station and Redondo Beach Station from Friday, January 4, 2019, through 3 am, Sunday, January 20, 2019.

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

"I learned the value of hard work by working hard."

~ Margaret Mead

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