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Metro Hosts Inaugural Girls Empowerment Summit

I was very proud to participate in Metro's first ever Girls Empowerment Summit held at Los Angeles Union Station and Metro Headquarters. I joined United States Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker and Los Angeles DOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds for the opening remarks where I discussed the importance of having confidence and believing that they - the nearly 200 middle and high school girls in the audience - could follow their aspirations to become anything they wanted to be. Hardships, single-parenting, poverty, failures and other misfortunes will not stop these young ladies from reaching their goals and achieving a successful career.

The Metro Girls Empowerment Summit is a half day summit highlighting opportunities in areas of the transportation industry where women are traditionally under-represented. The Summit focused on encouraging girls to own their career and bring awareness to the numerous job and career opportunities available in the transportation industry. Participants had the opportunity to see examples of and hear from successful women professionals in various careers in the transportation industry. One student described how she liked, "learning about this [transportation] field and learning that women are greatly respected in the industry."

The girls were engaged and genuinely interested in the panel discussions and careers in transportation. To close out the exciting day, the participants heard inspirational closing remarks from Metro Board Chair and Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. This was a very successful summit due to extraordinary

collaboration throughout Metro and strong partnership with some of our peer agencies and industry partners. A special thanks to Metro Chief Policy Officer Elba Higueros and her staff for organizing the event with the help of the Metro Women and Girls Governing Council as well as LA County's Women and Girls Initiative.



Meeting with Executive Director of The Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council

Last week, I had a positive and shared dialogue with Alex Herrgott who serves as the Executive Director of the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC). The meeting provided an opportunity for Metro to discuss with Mr. Herrgott details on its large and diverse capital program and to learn more about the work of the FPISC in navigating issues related to federal permitting. Following the meeting, Mr. Herrgott was able to take a tour of the Regional Connector Transit project – which is the beneficiary of a \$670 million federal Full Funding Grant Agreement and a \$160 million Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act low interest federal loan.

Alex Herrgott was appointed by the President as the Executive Director of the FPISC in September 2018. Mr. Herrgott had been serving as the Associate Director for Infrastructure for the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) at the White House previously. Prior to his service with CEQ, Mr. Herrgott worked for Senator James Inhofe of Oklahoma as Senior Staff from 2004-2011 at the Environment and Public Works Committee.



Regional Connector Earns Distinction as One of the Largest Tunnelled Excavations in LA

The most technically complex aspect of the Regional Connector Transit Project is the construction of a mined crossover cavern. The excavation of the cavern, located under 2nd Street between Spring and Main Street, was recently completed — earning it the distinction as one of the largest tunneled excavations ever realized in Los Angeles.

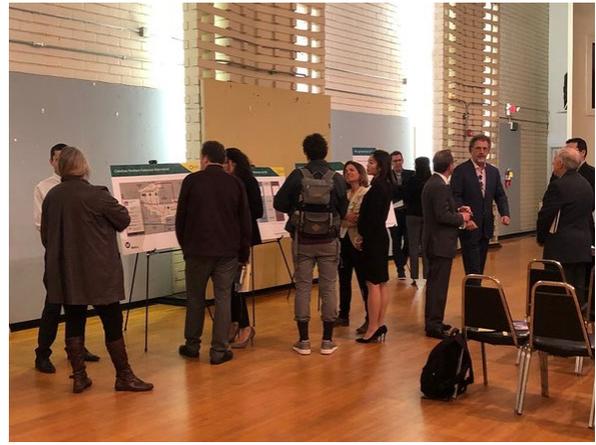
The crossover cavern will allow trains traveling between the future Little Tokyo/Arts District and Historic Broadway Stations to switch tracks in the event of an emergency or to perform system maintenance. Engineers selected the sequential excavation method (SEM) to build the cavern because it has the advantage of being safe, flexible, economical, and allows engineers and crews to adapt designs and work with ground conditions. The SEM process helps to minimize the potential for surface settlement while also not over-designing the tunnel. Waterproofing and rebar and concrete placement within the cavern will follow as the Regional Connector gets closer to delivering a one-seat ride across Los Angeles County.



Crenshaw North Community Meetings

Over the last two weeks Metro held a series of four meetings to engage the public about the Advanced Alternatives Screening Study (Study) currently underway for the Crenshaw Northern Extension. Over 220 people participated in these meetings held in Mid-City, West Adams, Koreatown, and West Hollywood. The public learned about the study area and alternatives being evaluated to extend the Crenshaw/LAX line north with connections to the Metro Purple and Red Lines as well as some of our heaviest travelled bus lines. Metro staff fielded nearly 100 questions from meeting attendees who also provided their input in writing, via an electronic survey on tablets, and by leaving post-its on an “idea board” at each meeting. West Hollywood Council Members John Heilman, Lindsey Horvath and Lauren Meister attended the meetings along with representatives for US Representative Adam Schiff, LA County Supervisor and Metro Chair Sheila Kuehl, Los Angeles Councilmembers Herb Wesson and Paul Koretz, and Long Beach Mayor and Metro Director Robert Garcia.

While this project is not scheduled for groundbreaking until FY 2041 per Measure M, we are conducting the study at this time because the City of West Hollywood, with input from the City of Los Angeles and Metro, is pursuing efforts to accelerate the project following our Measure M Early Project Delivery Strategy. After continuing evaluation and community engagement, we intend to complete the Study later this year and present a recommendation to the Board on which alternative(s) to take into environmental review beginning in 2020. Click [here](#) for the presentation from these meetings and more information about the Study.



FTA Report Praises Southern California Regional Transit Training Consortium

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recently released a report that praised the Southern California Regional Transit Training Consortium (SCR TTC) for effectively using federal funds to enhance transit workforce training needs. The report, commissioned by the FTA to examine the use of Federal Fiscal Year 2012 funds for the Innovative Transit Workforce Development Program, found that the SCR TTC used nearly \$700,000 in federal funds efficiently to develop education courses online, and onsite classroom instruction, to improve technical skills for workers maintaining current and future fleets across southern California.

The SCR TTC is a non-profit organization that serves as a training resource network for a number of community colleges, universities, transit agencies and other public and private organizations. Metro is a proud member of the SCR TTC and is proud of its active role in this workforce training initiative. I want to thank Marion Jane Colston, from Talent Development, Obed Mejia, from Transit Operations and Marisa Yeager from our Government Relations team for their sustained work on behalf of Metro to secure these federal funds and their support for the SCR TTC's workforce training programs. A full copy of the FTA's report on the Innovative Transit Workforce Development Program can be found [here](#).

Metro Partners with the Clippers SciFest SoCal Event

On March 22-23, Metro's Community Education and Construction Management teams partnered with the Clippers SciFest SoCal to provide a STEM learning experience for 25,000 students and families at the Los Angeles Convention Center. In addition to facilitating field trips and providing TAP Cards to schools located near Metro Rail to travel to the festival, Metro's activity enabled students to learn about L.A.'s transportation system. Students and families interacted with a model Metro train, camera drone, and Metro's rail safety train robot "P2000". This free event also featured student exhibitions, large-scale displays of STEM in action, and live demonstrations all geared towards influencing the next generation of STEM professionals.



E3 Youth Initiative Update

The Expose, Educate & Employ (E3) Youth Initiative broadens Metro's connections with the future workforce by expanding school tours and providing teacher education about careers in transportation. In addition to supporting the development of the SEED LA school, a two-pronged approach including an emphasis on Student Engagement and Teacher Professional Development is utilized to expose and educate LA County students to the breadth of careers within the transportation infrastructure industry. Metro Chief of Human Capital and Development Joanne Peterson and her E3 staff recently visited the Los Angeles World Airports with a team of Metro employees to discuss strategies to engage the next generation workforce. Staff also recently visited Carnegie Middle School to share information about careers at Metro with eight different classes totaling 210 students.

Last week, the third of five modules offered in the Metro Youth Career Experience (MYCE) took place with 27 students from Compton High School. Students learned about creating and implementing communications tactics. Metro Staff from Community Relations, Program Management, Marketing, Public Relations, Government Relations, Customer Care, and Creative Services joined the E3 Youth Initiative team to provide the experience for the 9th graders in collaboration with their teacher. Metro looks forward to seeing the success of E3 as we begin to hire the next generation of transportation professionals.



Celebrate Arts, Culture and Creativity Month with Metro

Celebrate California's inaugural Arts, Culture and Creativity Month with Metro Art. From an all-female panel discussing the innovative ways Metro is promoting a gender-balanced workforce to a showcase featuring a medley of jazz artists, [The Source](#) is your guide to all the Metro Art events happening in April. Additionally, Metro is inviting artists to apply to be considered for the next round of "Through the Eyes of Artists" poster series; find more details on the application process in [The Source](#) link above.

Procurement Postings

Fire Alarm System Replacement at Various Divisions and Facilities (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure the design, construction, furnish equipment and installation of a new Fire Alarm System to replace the existing Fire Alarm System at Various Divisions and Facilities.

The blackout period is expected to last from Wednesday, April 3, 2019 through Monday, July 8, 2019.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Wonder Van Twist, Sr. Manager Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7325.

Metro Drug and Alcohol Oversight Program (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to seek qualified contractors to provide administration and management of the FTA drug and alcohol testing program. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, March 28, 2019 through Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

Metro is seeking services from a qualified contractor to oversee Metro's FTA Drug and Alcohol Testing Program.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Marc Margoni, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1304.

Information Technology Security/Risk Remediation and Compliance Process Development (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consulting services to assist Metro's Information Technology Services (ITS) Department with security/risk remediation and compliance process development.

This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, April 3, 2019 through Friday, June 7, 2019.

The ITS Department is seeking the services of a consultant with extensive knowledge of regulatory, data privacy, and network security requirements and experience in reviewing and enhancing remediation activities and developing on-going compliance procedures.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ana Rodriguez, Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 922-1076.

Sustainability Engineering Services for Water Resources, Conservation and Compliance (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a consultant to address water resources and conservation goals of Metro's sustainability effort including the preparation of analyses, studies, surveys, investigations, modeling, predictions, recommendations, and/or reports related to the operation and maintenance of Metro's transportation systems, facilities, and support activities.

The resultant Contract, if awarded, will be federal, state/locally funded, and is subject to fiscal year funding FY19 through FY 25. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 28, 2019 through October 8, 2019.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Daniel A. Robb, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7074.

Temporary Staffing Support Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Temporary Staffing Support Services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday March 28, 2019 through Friday, July 5, 2019.

Metro seeks the services of qualified and experienced professional staffing agency(ies) to assist Metro's Diversity and Equal Opportunity Department (DEOD) in meeting critical deadlines and provide assistance in delivering its compliance monitoring 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.

Project Portfolio Management (PPM) System (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a modern, efficient and innovative Project Portfolio Management (PPM) System to replace its existing Enterprise Project Management System. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, March 28, 2019 through Monday, May 20, 2019.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Anush Beglaryan, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3047.

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, 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.

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

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~ Estee Lauder

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