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Naming and Unveiling Ceremony Held for Second Set of Tunnel Boring Machines

This morning, I joined Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Beverly Hills Mayor John Mirisch, Century City business community representatives and other community members for a ceremonial naming and unveiling ceremony for the second set of tunnel boring machines (TBMs) that will dig twin subway tunnels between Century City and Beverly Hills for the Metro Purple Line Extension Project - Section Two. More than 2,500 votes were cast for the contests. The names "Harriet" and "Ruth" were selected from a winning entry submitted by Turning Point School sixth grader Ruby Santamaria. Harriet and Ruth were named after Harriet Tubman, known for her role in the underground railroad, and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, who fought against gender discrimination.

Hans Smallwood, a 3rd grade student from Good Shepherd Catholic School in Beverly Hills, won the art contest for his illustration showing the new subway running under Rodeo Drive. Metro will issue commemorative TAP cards featuring Han's winning artwork and Ruby's tunnel boring machine names on the Purple Line this winter. Tunneling is expected to start in early 2020. The commemorative TAP cards will be available at ticket vending machines along the Metro Purple Line.



ACT LA Equity in Motion Townhall on Housing & Transportation

Last Wednesday, I joined Metro Board Member Jackie Dupont-Walker to participate in the ACT LA Equity in Motion Townhall on Housing & Transportation event with LA County city leaders and community stakeholders. The Town Hall included a panel discussion of LA Metro's Transit Oriented Community (TOC) Policy and strategies and partnerships that Metro and local cities can pursue to support the equitable realization of Metro's transit infrastructure investments. The well attended Town Hall event was held in the Watts Labor Community Action Committee and included participation from many community leaders and community-based organizations.



WIN-LA Hosts the California Community Colleges LA Regional Consortium

Metro recently soft-launched Workforce Initiative Now – Los Angeles (WIN-LA) as a part of the agency's strategic initiatives focused on developing the future transportation infrastructure workforce. In the spirit of regional collaboration, WIN-LA partners with various workforce, community and educational organizations. Last Tuesday, Metro hosted the California Community Colleges LA Regional Consortium which is comprised of various community colleges throughout LA County.

WIN-LA seeks to build upon Metro's efforts to identify, train and employ the future workforce in partnership with the Consortiums' Los Angeles Regional Transportation Workforce Collaborative. The attendees were presented with an overview of Metro's 28 by 2028, participated in a discussion regarding the workforce needs as Metro Reimagines the future of LA County; and participated in a tour of Metro's Division 13.

I want to thank members of Diversity and Economic Opportunity (DEOD), Program Management and Transit Operations. Thank you to Metro DEOD Manager Michael Flores, for leading the partnering session and Metro Sr. Executive Officer of Program Management Brian Boudreau, for providing an overview of Metro's projects.



History of LGBTQ in Transportation and Metro's Pride Participation

Last Thursday, to continue our Pride month recognition, Out@Metro presented a discussion “The History of LGBTQ Pride at Metro” to hear about the 20+ year history of LGBTQ Pride efforts at Metro and other interesting facts related to the LGBTQ community and transportation. Guests in the audience listened to a very interesting story by Metro Librarian Matthew Barrett who spoke about the origins of Metro Division 7 in the heart of West Hollywood, expansion of rights and protections along with other LGBTQ history at Metro and predecessor agencies, the first Pride parades in the United States, Metro’s more than 20 year participation in the local Pride parade and other related topics.

Matt Barrett did an excellent job on this research and pulled fantastic photos from the archives while Jody Litvak, Director of Local Government and External Affairs, provided her first-hand accounts of Metro Pride bus decorations and Metro participation. Together they painted a great picture of where we were, where we are now and the work that continues to ensure our LGBTQ family and friends are an equal and respected part of all communities. To view the presentation, click [here](#).



Metro Issues Second Bond Under Contractor Development & Bonding Program

On Friday, June 7, Metro's Contractor Development and Bonding Program (CDBP) was successful in completing its second bond transaction to assist a Metro Certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) construction firm in obtaining Payment and Performance bonds for a Metro project. After learning about the CDBP, SJN Construction Services, approached the Program to obtain bonding assistance for a \$5 Million subcontract they had recently received from Icon-West Inc. to perform work on the Willowbrook / Rosa Parks Station Improvements Package A&C, Blue Line Station Improvements & New Plaza.

At the time that SJN Construction Services approached the Program, their current financial situation left them with insufficient surety credit for the new Metro work with Icon-West. In order to get the surety to extend additional credit, Metro's CDBP program provided \$250,000 in Program collateral support and other program risk mitigation services, which enabled the surety for SJN Construction Services to approve the Payment and Performance bond needed for the new Metro project. Thank you to Keith Compton and Michael Luna of DEOD, CDBP team for their work on behalf Metro to support our small business communities and ensure they get fare opportunities to work on Metro projects.

Procurement Postings

PCI/QSA Professional Services for TAP (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for services to be procured. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, June 12, 2019 through Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

Metro seeks the services of a Qualified Security Assessor (QSA) from a certified Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council (PCI SSC) firm to review and provide opinions on evidence collected for an annual Payment Card Industry (PCI) assessment and to deliver a report on compliance.

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 (213) 418-3047.

Real Estate Management System (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to obtain a software provider to deliver an end-to-end real estate management solution with the initial focus to obtain a Right-of-Way Acquisition and Management module. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, June 17, 2019 through Thursday, November 14, 2019.

Metro is seeking to replace its existing business process with a modern comprehensive and innovative Real Estate Management System (REMS).

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only

be answered by Annie Duong, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3048.

Waste Management Services

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking a licensed solid waste management company (Contractor) to provide integrated waste management services for Metro facilities. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Friday, June 14, 2019 through Friday, November 8, 2019.

Services shall include but are not limited to: providing trash and recycling bins of various sizes, servicing trash and recycling bins at various frequencies, and providing detailed reporting of trash and recycling efforts and activities. Metro objectives for this contract are to increase efficiency, minimize costs, improve Metro's recycling and landfill diversion programs, reduce the amount of waste that Metro disposes and comply with all applicable laws.

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, (213) 922-4654.

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, Purple Line Extension, 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.

Regional Connector: Excavation on Flower St Continues Southward

Work continues steadily below Flower St, with rebar and concrete installation between 4th and 5th St. South of 5th St, excavation and utility hanging is moving steadily towards the future connection to 7th St/Metro Center Station. Ultimately, some 108,000 cubic yards of soil will be excavated from beneath Flower St. Work will continue from May 8, 2017 and continue through summer 2019. Beginning Monday, June 3rd, 2019, additional work hours will be added from 2 pm to 11 pm.

Purple Line Extension Project: Utility Potholing below Wilshire Blvd

Utility potholing began to identify existing utilities below Wilshire Blvd. between Beverly Dr. and N. Crescent Dr. All work will be completed during non-peak hour traffic times. Lane closures and turn restrictions on Wilshire Blvd. will be required for this work. Two lanes will always be maintained on Wilshire Blvd. both eastbound and westbound. Communication efforts will be ongoing to provide stakeholders sufficient notice prior to work starting in specific areas.

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

"You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist."

~ Indira Gandhi



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