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LA Metro Places 2nd Overall at APTA International Rail Rodeo

Last week, I joined our Rail Operations Executive Officer, Bernard Jackson, and a few of our talented rail and maintenance employees for the APTA International Rail Rodeo in Toronto. We are very proud to announce that Los Angeles Metro – with an outstanding showing and performance – reached Second Place overall for the Rail Transit Team Achievement Award; which is given to the transit system with the highest rail operator and maintainer team combined score. Congratulations to top winners Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and third place finishers Denver RTD.

The Operators Competition measures professional skills, including train operation, knowledge of safety regulations, train equipment, and track right-of-way rules and procedures – while the Maintainers Competition, participants are evaluated on their ability to troubleshoot maintenance problems. This years' competition included 19 teams of operators and 15 mechanic teams from the United States, Canada, and Japan.

Congratulations to the LA Metro Maintenance Team comprised of Division 24 Gold Line employees Marcos Martinez and Parker Rounds; as well as Division 14 Expo Line employee Calvin Wong. And congratulations to our Transportation team comprised of two Blue Line employees Steven Ramirez and Iris Portillo-Ramirez.



Innaugural Interagency Human Resources Leadership Summit

Last Wednesday, Metro invited 150 leaders from the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Unified School District and LA World Airports and hosted the inaugural Interagency Human Resources Leadership Summit. The Summit was geared towards providing an opportunity for management members to build a network of public sector HR leaders, provide a regional economic forecast to build a strategic focus, and to integrate expertise to strengthen each agency's HR functions.

HR executive leadership members spoke about their respective agencies Wendy Macy, General Manager of the Personnel Department at City of Los Angeles; Lisa Garrett, Director of Personnel at the County of Los Angeles; Tim Ihle, Airport Manager/HR Division at LA World Airports; and Joanne Peterson, Chief Human Capital and Development Officer at LA Metro.

Dr. Somjita Mitra, Director of the Institute for Applied Economics at Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC), was our keynote speaker and presented on the economic forecast for the LA region and how it could potentially affect our current and future workforce.

Participants found the Summit to be engaging and a great way to connect with their HR colleagues across the county. As part of Human Capital & Development's commitment to recruit and retain a world-class workforce and foster a career pathway for our people to develop and excel, the Summit is another initiative to meet workforce demands and honor our commitment to invest in our people.

This successful event was possible through the hard work and efforts of Chief Human Capital and Development Officer Joanne Peterson, Project Manager Nick Arevalo-Parrish and the many others from this team who helped in one way or another.

Veterans Employment and Resource Fair Co-Hosted by Metro

Also last Wednesday, Metro Chief of Staff Nadine Lee was joined by LA Sparks President & Chief Operating Officer Danita Johnson, and Deputy Director of Military and Veterans Affairs Stephanie Stone in welcoming veterans and others to Metro and its Collaborative Partners 4th Annual Veteran Employment Fair. Patrice McElroy, Executive Officer, Talent Management introduced our speakers who spoke powerful words about the benefits and importance of hiring our Veterans and service men and women into all types of civilian jobs.

Approximately 75 vendors were in attendance with 14 confirmed follow-ups on interviews for employment and

6 veterans hired on the spot. We appreciate all the supported at this wonderful event held at the Carson Civic Center in the City of Carson.

Special Guest included Brigadier General Retired Jim Combs who currently serves as State of California Chair & National Board of Directors Vice-Chair for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). I thanked him for his continued service and for joining Metro for this important event. I also want to recognize and thank the many Metro hands involved in producing this event including Metro Veteran Program Manager Dennis Tucker, all Metro staff and volunteers and Metro Executive Officer, Talent Management Patrice McElroy.



Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce Recognizes Metro's Karen Swift

Last Thursday, the Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce presented their Public Servants Appreciation Award to Karen Swift, Metro's Community Relations Manager for the San Fernando Valley and Las Virgenes-Malibu subregions. The Chamber President recognized Karen's strong partnership with the organization and businesses in San Fernando Valley. Karen leads community engagement and builds strategic alliances with the Chamber and other stakeholders in the San Fernando Valley on behalf of Metro and our many initiatives including NextGen, the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor, Sepulveda Transit Corridor, Orange Line Improvements, North San Fernando Valley BRT, addressing homelessness, North Hollywood Joint Development and more. In her acceptance speech, Karen thanked the Chamber and other businesses in the Valley for their partnership with Metro and made a point of noting our commitment to small businesses. I would like to congratulate Karen for this well-deserved award and thank the Chamber for their recognition of her.



Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Concludes Scoping Meetings

The Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project team wrapped up its public scoping meetings last week. Metro has hosted a total of six meetings since June 13 to reinstate the environmental review that will be captured in a Supplemental/ Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report. Meetings were held throughout the study area in the communities of Whittier, Commerce, East Los Angeles, South El Monte, Montebello and Pico Rivera. The meetings gathered more than 570 participants and over 220 written and oral comments. The public scoping comment period began on Friday, May 31 and will conclude on Monday, July 15.



Gateway Cities Transportation Summit Hosted by Mayor Garcia and Metro

Last Wednesday, City of Long Beach Mayor and Metro Board Member Robert Garcia, together with Metro, hosted a summit to discuss the NextGen Bus Study for cities and municipal operators in the Gateway Cities. Nearly 60 people attended the event in South Gate including local elected officials and staff, representatives from four of the municipal operators in the area, and COG staff. The event included presentations by Metro about the NextGen bus study as well as presentations from other bus operators. Similar to Metro, Gateway Cities operators are also evaluating their bus systems. Long Beach Transit presented their STAR Study and Norwalk Transit presented their system update.

Following presentations, Director Garcia moderated an open discussion that covered topics such as the timing of NextGen, how it would be implemented, and coordination between Metro and other operators. Director Garcia hosted the forum to provide Gateway Cities stakeholders the opportunity to be a part of this important conversation as we all plan for what bus service around the County will look like in the future.



LA Metro Receives International Award for Metro Art Program

The much admired Metro Art program Through the Eyes of Artists poster series received an international Special Recognition award at the recent UITP Global Public Transport Summit held in Stockholm, Sweden. The series, which features transit accessible neighborhoods through the eyes of local artists, was recognized by an international panel of experts as an 'ambitious and innovative project and urban transport strategy which positions public transport as the backbone of urban and local mobility solutions and enhances the quality of life in urban areas.'

Metro has been at the forefront of interweaving art and transit through innovative arts and cultural programs, transforming commutes into pleasurable, provocative journeys and the poster program creatively celebrates cities and neighborhoods Metro serves from the unique perspectives of artists. A book commemorating the 15 year anniversary of the program was recently published showcasing over 40 Metro neighborhoods and artworks created to date. We are happy to announce - this is the 21st award received by this beloved program!

Maya Emsden, DEO, Creative Services was invited to speak at the annual UITP Conference (which was subtitled The Art of Transport) and presented a Congress Session at the international summit, demonstrating how Metro is a leader in the field incorporating the arts in public transportation as a strategy for transforming the customer experience from the mundane to the inspired. Additionally, Maya was invited to present Metro's arts and design programs at the UITP Design & Culture Committee workshop further demonstrating the agency's commitment to excellence in customer service via the arts.



Procurement Postings

Bike Hub Operations & Maintenance (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional services to support the operations of secure-access, group bicycle parking facilities known as Metro Bike Hubs. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, July 1, 2019 through Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Metro Bike Hub facilities are designed to offer self-serve unattended group bicycle parking facilities with attended service capabilities. Self-serve refers to registered users that access a securely controlled room to lock their bike to a bike rack at their convenience. Self-serve bicycle parking shall be available at all Metro Bike Hubs allowing 24/7 access. Attended services refers to staffing at a location during specified times where services may include, but not be limited to, customer service, check-in bike parking, bicycle repair/service, limited retail sale of bicycle parts and bicycle rental, and trip planning.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lily Lopez, Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 922-4639.

Windshields - Center Complete (IFB)

Metro released Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Windshields - Center Complete. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, June 28, 2019 through Friday, November 29, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of windshields which is needed to maintain the bus fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1018.

ExpressLanes Channelizers & Epoxy (IFB)

Metro released Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure channelizers and epoxy for Metro's ExpressLanes. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, July 1, 2019 through Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

This procurement is for 15,000 channelizer posts and 170 barrels of epoxy for Metro's ExpressLanes to support Metro's Congestion Reduction.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aryani L. Guzman, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

Glass Replacement and Installation (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released Invitation for Bids (IFB) seeking a qualified contractor to provide glazier services including, but not limited to, installation, and repair of various types of glass panels used throughout Metro transit facilities.

This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, June 27, 2019 through Monday, September 2, 2019.

The selected contractor will be required to service Metro Bus, Rail, and other Metro facilities throughout Los Angeles County and surrounding areas.

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.

Traction Electrification Shop 750VDC Disconnect Switch (RFP)

Metro has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for eight (8) Retrofitted Traction Electrification Shop Disconnect Switches. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, June 21, 2019, through Thursday, December 19, 2019.

This procurement is to retrofit eight (8) Traction Electrification Shop 750Vdc Disconnect Switches which will interlock the OCS disconnect switch operating handle in position while 750Vdc power is present.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lorretta Norris, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2632.

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.](#)

"There are no passengers on spaceship Earth. We are all crew."

~ Marshall McLuhan

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