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NoHo to Pasadena BRT Corridor Project Concludes Official Scoping Meetings and Extends Scoping Period Additional 15 Days

Last Wednesday, we concluded our public scoping meetings for the North Hollywood (NoHo) to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor Project. Metro hosted five meetings to initiate the environmental review that will be captured in a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Meetings were held in North Hollywood, Burbank, Glendale, Eagle Rock and Pasadena with more than 600 participants, and over 300 written and oral comments received, and have generated a great deal of media coverage. All the meetings were very lively with participants speaking both in favor and in opposition to the project. The third meeting, held in Eagle Rock on July 13, had an overflow crowd as well as some members of the public who challenged other attendees making it difficult for them to participate. Staff worked hard to maintain order and reminded attendees that Metro is dedicated to civil and constructive discussion and works to ensure that public engagement is conducted in a welcoming and respectful manner.

I want to commend our staff who handle these challenging situations regularly and stress that Metro values all feedback and is committed to ensuring that everyone feels safe and welcome at all Metro functions. We are currently considering alternate formats for our meetings that will better ensure a safe and inclusive environment for everyone to share their opinions. We are also planning another community meeting on August 7 in Eagle Rock as well as an additional meeting geared toward the business community in the area.

Due to the tremendous response and interest from community members, we have extended the public scoping comment period until August 15. Metro staff will update the Metro Board of Directors in September to provide a recap of the types of comments received during scoping. It is anticipated that the Draft EIR will be

available for public review and comments in Spring 2020 and Final EIR will be completed in Fall 2020. The NoHo to Pasadena BRT Corridor Project is funded by Measure M and Senate Bill 1 and is expected to be in operation by Fiscal Year 2024.



July 2019 Operations Employees of the Month

Metro Operations Department recognized employees from Transportation and Maintenance during Thursday's Operations, Safety, and Customer Experience Meeting as the department's July 2019 Employees of the Month.

The Transportation Employee of the Month award was presented to Mrs. Cenobia Segura, CCTV Observer at the Rail Operations Control Center (ROC). Ms. Segura has been with Metro for almost 17 years where she is an exemplary employee with excellent customer service skills, an attentive nature, a willingness to go above and beyond to ensure customer satisfaction and is always willing to help others. Her excellent work ethic was recently brought to attention when a child was separated from their parent while traveling on Expo line. Ms. Segura received this call and quickly notified LAPD and the rail controller. Due to the information being disseminated in a timely manner, the child was identified and safely escorted back to their parent. We thank Ms. Segura for her commitment to excellence and dedication to providing outstanding service at Metro.

The Maintenance Employee of the Month award was presented to Mr. Jose Romano Santos, Stops & Zones Supervisor. Mr. Santos has been with Metro for almost 19 years, beginning his career in 2000. He is solely responsible for all the newly established Blue Line Shuttle bus stops and all Wayfinding signs. He gives meticulous attention to ensure ADA compliance. He displays a high-level technical competence ensuring safety is paramount when determining where each sign will be posted and demonstrates a strong ability to identify, analyze, and solve problems and avoids hasty decisions. He is dedicated to ensuring the success of Metro recently working the Memorial Day holiday to ensure he was available for his crew in the event issues arose during the installation of the Blue Line shuttle signage. We thank Mr. Santos for his exemplary work serving the residents and visitors of LA County.



Metro Supports Summer Night Lights Program

Summer is officially here - come out and join Metro's Community Education (MCE) Department in our continued support of Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Vice Chair Eric Garcetti's Summer Night Lights (SNL) program. The SNL program is a Gang Reduction & Youth Development initiative that happens every summer at 32 parks across the City of Los Angeles. Parks and recreation centers will stay open until 11:00 p.m. with extended activities for the community and free food.

MCE has already attended 14 SNL events with 16 more to go. Staff strives to increase Metro safety education efforts and build strong partnerships with the various communities across Los Angeles. Additionally, programs like SNL allow Metro to better connect with and understand the communities we serve. The SNL program will run until Friday, August 23, 2019. For more information on SNL including dates and locations, click [here](#).



WTS-LA Dinner and Panel Discussion with Newly Appointed Leaders in Transportation

Last week, we had strong Metro representation at WTS-LA's dinner celebration for newly appointed transportation leaders at the Sheraton Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. As a long-time member and supporter of WTS, Metro was proud to attend this event to promote the value of advancing women's careers in the transportation industry. The audience had the opportunity to listen to a panel moderated by Metro Chief of Staff Nadine Lee, that included participants recently appointed to senior leadership positions in the transportation industry to speak on their accomplishments, mentorships, perseverance, and wellness

techniques. The panel included: Metro Chief of Communications Officer Yvette ZR Rapose, Metro Chief Civil Rights Program Officer Jonaura Wisdom, Undersecretary from California State Transportation Agency Elissa Konove, and Director of Transportation from City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office Michelle Boehm. Ultimately, the discussion expressed and agreed that senior leaders that expose their staff to new experiences, provide inclusion and recognize staff's strengths and weaknesses helps to provide guidance and support for future leadership positions. Metro appreciates the great work WTS is doing to elevate women in transportation and looks forward to continuing our partnership to advance women.

Metro and Caltrans Project Delivery Support Workshops

Over the past week, Metro and Caltrans hosted six workshops around Los Angeles County focused on project delivery support for local cities and agencies. Over 110 people from over 30 agencies attended to learn more about Cooperative Work Agreements, Timely Use of Funds, Program Updates and Invoicing 101. Caltrans staff from headquarters in Sacramento led sessions to give their insights and expertise on key subjects. These workshops are designed to train and support public works and transportation staff in delivering transportation projects for their local areas. Metro is cooperating in this effort to make sure that Los Angeles County leaves no state or federal funds unspent. Los Angeles County is one of the largest recipients of State and Federal funding in the State and these workshops look toward maximizing funding awarded and retained in Southern California. These efforts are also part of strengthening our relationships with local agencies who are appreciative of this assistance.

Procurement Postings

Municipal Advisory Services for Metro Treasury (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals to procure Municipal Advisory Services for Metro's Treasury Department. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from July 19, 2019 through October 24, 2019.

The selected firms will comprise Metro's Municipal Advisory Pool and will provide general municipal financial advisory services for various financing projects throughout the term of the Master Agreement on an as-needed basis. Firms in the Municipal Advisor Pool will be selected for a particular financing project based on the needs of LACMTA and the firm's expertise and previous experience related to the financing project. However, there is no minimum workload guarantee for firms in the Municipal Advisor Pool.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by James Nolan, Principal Contracts Administrator, nolanj@metro.net at (213) 922-7312.

Salesforce Licenses Renewal (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to renew Salesforce licenses. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, July 18, 2019 through Thursday, September 5, 2019.

Metro is seeking a contractor to renew Community Relation's Salesforce licenses.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Manchi Yi, Principal Contract Administrator, at (213) 418-3332.

Caliper Assembly Rear (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Rear Caliper Assemblies. The procurement process

blackout period is expected to run from Friday, July 19, 2019 through Friday, November 29, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of rear caliper assemblies 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.

USC/Rams & Special Events Barricades (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services and barricades for USC/RAMS games and certain special events. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, July 19, 2019 through Thursday, October 31, 2019.

This procurement is for purchase of barricades for all of the USC/RAMS games, including some games for the Los Angeles Football Club, the Rose Parade and other special events as required.

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.

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, Purple Line Extension, I-5

Purple Line Extension Project: Weekend Utility Work on Wilshire Blvd.

The design-build contractor for the Purple Line Extension Project Section 2 continues utility work on Wilshire Blvd. between El Camino Dr. and Crescent Dr. Work includes potholing, sewer line relocation, water line relocation, and storm drain replacement. To expedite work, these activities will continue weekends beginning July 20, 2019 through September 29, 2019 from 8am to 8pm. Lane closures, crosswalk closures, and sidewalk closures will be required for this work. One lane will remain open in each direction on Wilshire Blvd.

Purple Line Extension Project: Lane Reduction on Wilshire Blvd. Between Gale Dr. and San Vicente Blvd.

From Tuesday, July 23 through Thursday, July 25, eastbound Wilshire Blvd. between Gale Dr. and San Vicente Blvd. will be reduced to two lanes from 9am to 3:30pm. This lane reduction will be in place to support the installation of geotechnical instruments to monitor ground movement, settlement and other geological conditions during construction in the City of Los Angeles.

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

"A crust eaten in peace is better than a banquet partaken in anxiety."

~ Aesop



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