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CoMotion LA

CoMotion LA took place at the ROW DTLA last week with an opening keynote delivered by Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Vice Chair Eric Garcetti. CoMotion LA brings together the brave new world of the urban mobility revolution — a revolution that is set to transform every city in the world, large and small. The event brought together about 1,500 mobility experts from the public, private, academic, and nonprofit sectors for two days of immersive and inspirational talks, demos, test drives and exhibitions for a glimpse into our new urban future.

On Friday, I delivered the keynote, “The Los Angeles Metamorphosis”, where I stated that if you want to see a metamorphosis of Los Angeles from the car capital of the world to a center for new mobility innovation and equity in transportation for all, Metro’s Traffic Reduction Plan with a component of congestion pricing, could be the Holy Grail that helps get us there. Metro was also well represented in additional discussions by Chief Innovation Officer Joshua Schank, Chief Policy Officer Elba Higueros, Senior Director Tham Nguyen, Senior Manager Avital Shavit, and several others.

Metro GARE Cohort Commencement

On Tuesday, November 12, the Metro introductory cohort for the Government Alliance on Race & Equity – GARE participated in their final session followed by their official commencement. Each participating jurisdiction delivered a reflection from the past year of learning and instruction and discussed their final ingredients in building an effective Racial Equity Action Plan. Group discussions included community engagement, communications, and navigating challenging political environments.

The final session was wrapped up with a Keynote by President of Race Forward – the Center for Racial

Justice Innovation, Glenn Harris. The work does not stop here. The Metro GARE team will continue finalizing their Racial Equity Action Plan framework that I expect to see a draft of by the end of this month. Thank you to the first Metro GARE Cohort for dedicating their time and skills to a complex and difficult topic with the goal of improving Los Angeles County mobility and transportation for everyone.



Operations Exchange Pilot Program 1st Cohort Graduation

Our Chief Operations Officer, James T. Gallagher, is pleased to announce the 1st cohort graduation of the Operations Exchange Pilot Program (Ops-X). The Ops-X program is a six-month exchange of managers and directors to a different business function within Operations. Participants acquire additional knowledge, skills, and hands-on experience which broadens their understanding of Operations and Metro. The Ops-X program was created to develop our workforce with full immersion learning and provide professional growth opportunities which is part of the succession planning strategy for Operations employees.

Metro's 1st Ops-X Cohort Participants are:

- Karla Aleman, Transportation Director Division 10, who was assigned to Operations Liaison and Planning
- Christopher Reyes, Senior Manager, Operations Liaison and Planning, who was assigned to Rail Operations Control
- Peter Rosendale, Manager Rail Operations Control, who was assigned to Bus Transportation Division 2

Congratulations to the 1st Cohort Ops-X graduates for their dedication to learning and continuous improvement! The selection process for Cohort 2 of Ops-X is currently underway with a targeted start date in January 2020.



International Association of Public Transport Committee Visits LA Metro

Metro is honored to have been selected by the UITP (International Association of Public Transport) Design & Culture Committee for their 2019 workshop in recognition of our range of innovative ground breaking arts and cultural programming initiatives (other contending cities included Montreal, Vancouver, and Singapore). The Committee is comprised of international leaders in the field who exchange and develop knowledge, share lessons learned and develop best practices. Over the course of the three-day meeting held in the DTLA Arts District last week, Maya Emsden, DEO, Creative Services shared several of our long standing award winning projects as well as more recently initiated programs and provided several in depth tours. The agenda also included presentations by members from Belgium, Canada, France, Japan and the Netherlands with topics ranging from Hong Kong protest impacts on transit facilities to the integrated arts and design in construction of the 68 new stations being built in Paris in anticipation of the 2024 Olympics. All members gained valuable insights to share with their respective agencies.

Procurement Postings

Special Event Services & Equipment Rental (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure Special Event Services & Equipment Rental. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, November 15, 2019 through Monday, January 20, 2020.

The Metro Public Relations department is seeking a contractor to provide special event services and equipment for upcoming Metro events.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Antwaun Boykin, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1056.

Special Event Audio/Visual Services & Equipment Rental (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure Special Event Audio/Visual Services & Equipment Rental Services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, November 15, 2019 through Monday, January 20, 2020.

The Metro Public Relations Department is seeking a contractor to provide special event audio-visual services and rental equipment for upcoming Metro events.

The selected contractor must have the capability to support multiple special events with possible events

going on simultaneously and up to 40 events or more a year. Events can range in scale between high level press conferences, outdoor concerts, community festivals, formal and invitation-only affairs, industry conferences, rail line openings, etc.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Antwaun Boykin, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1056.

Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation Project - Construction Support Services Consultant (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services for the Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation project. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, November 19, 2019 through Monday, March 30, 2020.

Construction Support Services (CSS) are required to oversee and manage the final design, advanced utility relocation work, constructability review, project advertising, construction support services administration, maintenance, inspection services, construction surveying, soils material testing, and technical support during the construction, and closeout phases of the Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation Project.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Laura Barrera, Assistant Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4365.

Light Rail Vehicle Carbon Strips (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure Light Rail Vehicle Carbon Strips. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, December 04, 2019 through Thursday, February 27, 2020.

The carbon strips are used on the Light Rail Vehicles (LRV), the strips are attached to the pantograph where a high magnitude of voltages and electrical currents, pass through them to power the trains. The carbon strips are exposed to all weather conditions and because of constant contact with the overhead catenary system during revenue service they must be inspected and changed.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Sr. Manager, Contract Administration at (213) 922-1025.

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

Regional Connector: Street Restoration closures at 1st/Alameda in DTLA

Street restoration at the 1st St and Alameda St intersection is now scheduled to start January 10, 2020. Plan ahead as lane reductions and road closures will be in place through the summer, as this work will be completed in two stages, each lasting approximately four months.

This effort marks the transition into the final phase of construction for the Regional Connector and brings it one step closer to testing and revenue operation. To learn more, click [here](#).

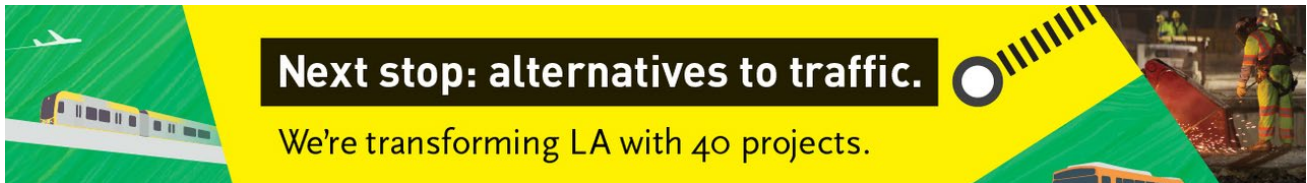
Purple Line Extension: Orange Grove Closure at Wilshire Blvd

Orange Grove Ave. south of Wilshire Blvd. and north of 8th St. will be closed for 8 months starting Friday, October 18. The existing sound walls will be extended west to surround the closure area, which is required to construct the Wilshire/Fairfax Station. Residents of Orange Grove Ave. will continue to have access.

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

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