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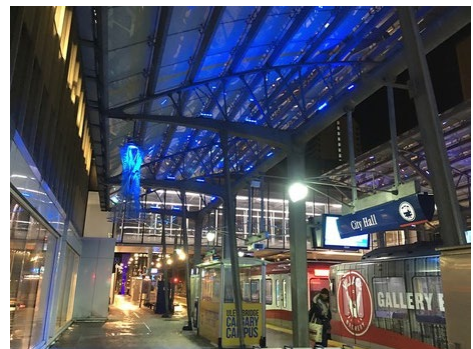
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International Rail Forum for North America

On November 11 - 13, Metro participated at the International Rail Forum for North America in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The conference, sponsored by the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) and co-sponsored by the International Association of Public Transportation (UITP), attracted hundreds of attendees and featured an industry exchange among transit agencies in North America and abroad. Metro Chief Program Management Officer Rick Clarke gave a presentation on Metro's transportation expansion program at a session titled, "Shifting to Rail: Bold new projects." Senior Transportation Planning Manager Anthony Loui and Rick Clarke also attended UITP's 69th Light Rail Transit (LRT) Committee meeting.

At this forum, UITP gave a presentation on benchmarking customer experience and sustainability initiatives provided by worldwide transit agencies. There was also an informal discussion during the forum with UITP on events planning for the 2024 and 2028 Olympics Games. It is interesting to note that the CTrain LRT system, operated by the local transit host, Calgary Transit, is the legacy system that later inspired the development of LRT service in San Diego and Los Angeles County.



L RTP Team Hosts Sustainable Design Training

Last week, Metro Long Range Transportation Planning staff hosted its second Sustainable Design Training of 2019. The half-day training is a requirement for all recipients of 2013 & 2015 Metro Call for Projects grant funding but is open to any interested public agency staff. This most recent training saw broad participation with over 40 participants from local and state agencies.

The training provides attendees a review of key Metro sustainability policies, best practices, and one-on-one time between Metro staff and individual project recipients to discuss sustainability best practices for individual projects. The training also serves as a local forum for engineers and planners to exchange information on challenges and opportunities they face at their respective agencies when seeking to incorporate sustainable design elements and materials into their own projects.

The Sustainable Design training is held twice per year, the next training will be held in Spring 2020. The training exemplifies Metro's commitment to regional collaboration and leadership in sustainable practices.



Metro E3 Youth Initiative Update

Metro's E3 Youth Initiative team is staying busy through the end of the year with a few events on their calendar. Metro E3 Youth Initiative staff and Rail Transportation Control Center (ROCC) Manager, Sonia Campos, recently visited a Career Day event at Dorothy Kirby High School (juvenile court school). Representatives from various industries shared both personal and industry-specific overviews of career opportunities. Mrs. Campos shared info about careers in bus and rail operations, and Metro projects in development. Metro staff also volunteered at the International Conference on Sustainable Infrastructure (ICSI): Girls into Green Careers workshop on November 8, where 90 high school students were in attendance. The workshop focused on careers in green infrastructure.

Lastly, on Thursday, November 14, Dan Dzyacky, DEO, Talent Development, represented Metro and the E3 Youth Initiative department at the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Middle School Career Technical Education Symposium, held at Rowland High School. The Symposium was part of LACOE's continuous effort to advance student knowledge about employment opportunities in transportation. Mr. Dzyacky presented to educators about various programs offered at Metro including TCAP internships for high school students, the Metro Internship Program (MIP) for college students, the Entry Level Trainee Program (ELTP) for recent college graduates, and the Teacher Externship.



Procurement Postings

Filming Liaison (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the services of a Filming Liaison. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, December 6, 2019 through Thursday, March 26, 2020.

The Metro Marketing Communications Department requires the services of an experienced liaison to work with film production companies, photographers and other entities that wish to use Metro owned properties for location shooting.

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

Tableau Licenses (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Tableau Annual Licenses renewals. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, December 2, 2019 through Monday, January 27, 2020.

Metro Information Technology Services Department requires two (2) year renewals of its Tableau Annual Licenses.

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

35-Ton Tow Truck (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure three (3) 35-ton tow trucks. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, November 27, 2019 through Thursday, May 28, 2020.

This procurement is for the purchase of three (3) 35-ton tow trucks to support Metro's bus operations. For further detail please review Statement of Work and Specifications.

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.

Landscape Construction - I-10 at Soto St. (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit a firm to provide Landscape Construction for the I-10 at Soto St. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, December 2, 2019 through Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

Metro will seek proposals from well-qualified firms to implement a predetermined landscape plan, perform landscape construction and installation, including ongoing maintenance to achieve plant establishment.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Andrew Conriquez, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-3528.

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](#).

"We are not retreating - we are advancing in another direction."

~ Douglas MacArthur

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