

**Monday, December 16, 2019**

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### **Holiday Eats Around the World**

On Wednesday, December 11, Metro's three major affinity groups: African American Employee Association (AAEA); Advancement of Latinos in Metro Association (ALMA); and Filipino-American Group (Fil-Am Group), organized a multi-cultural holiday celebration showcasing themed deserts and cultural holiday presentations and symbols. The Jewish faith community as well as the Metro Emerging Professionals Association (MEPA) also participated.

Metro Chief Civil Rights Officer Jonaurea Wisdom opened the festivities with an inspiring message on inclusion and diversity and explained how her office has been actively implementing these Board and CEO directives. Jonaurea was followed by a description of Latino Christmas traditions by ALMA's Irma Licea, Director of DEOD, while Senior Transportation Planner Brenda Martinez provided a description of the amazing series of Latino cultural dance performances presented by Ballet Folklorico Flor de Mayo.

Executive Officer of Sustainability Cris Liban described how the Philippines celebrates Christmas beginning September 1 of every year lasting into January of the following year plus additional trivia on Filipino caroling traditions. Filipino American singers Joan Maranan and Monina De Las Alas followed with three original Tagalog Christmas songs. They were followed by community singing of a traditional Christmas song led by Fil-Am Group singers primarily from Metro's Accounting Department. Manager, System Security, Karen Parks gave a brief overview of the importance and principles of Kwanza, a cultural celebration rather than a holiday celebration. A very touching and emotional interpretative dance by Alexis Reynolds of On Point Productions Dance Company mesmerized the crowd.

The formal program was hosted by Cris Liban of Fil-Am Group with closing remarks from Diane Corral-Lopez of ALMA and Helen Gates-Bryant of AAEA. This event was attended by at least 300 Metro employees throughout the two hours of festivities and is hoped to be the first of many to be organized for future holidays. Thanks to Metro Express Band led by Bruce Danielson for providing live holiday entertainment. A big thanks

as well to Louise Datu, Deanna Phillips, Paul Gomez, Bern Mindiola, Kristie Crawford and their volunteers who led the organization of this milestone event here at Metro. We hope to see all Metro employees at future affinity group events - Happy Holidays to all!



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### **Stuff a Bus with the Spark of Love Campaign**

On Tuesday, December 10, Metro joined in holiday festivities by showing support for the “Spark of Love Campaign,” donating thousands of toys for distribution to children whose smiles make the holiday brighter for everyone. The Metro family from operations, headquarters staff, senior leadership team, and everyone in between, participated to help stuff two Metro busses full of cheer including bicycles, basketballs, dolls and video games. Our Agency has been an integral part of this toy drive for many years and each year this effort brings joy and pride to all participants who are helping those in need. Special thanks to Deputy Executive Officer Tashai Smith of Diversity and Economic Opportunity (DEOD) who picked up the mantle of this initiative 24 years ago, and to DEO Representative Megan Hinojosa and DEOD Transportation Associate Bryan Barrios for leading the collection effort. Lastly, thanks to all the Metro employees for the support and donations that lead to a successful bus-stuffing event.

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### **Procurement Postings**

#### One Ton Utility Trucks (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure thirty (30) one-ton trucks. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, December 13, 2019 through Thursday, May 28, 2020.

This procurement is for the purchase of thirty (30) one-ton utility trucks to support Metro's bus operations. For further detail please review Statement of Work.

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.

#### A650 Front and Rear End Doors (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure Front and Rear End Doors. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, December 11, 2019 through Friday, March 6, 2020.

Metro is seeking a vendor to supply Front and Rear End Doors on an as needed basis for a twelve month period. This procurement is required to maintain the rail 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 Juelene Close, Sr. Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1066.

#### Division 6: Joint Development Opportunity in Venice (RFIQ)

Metro will release a Request for Interest and Qualifications (RFIQ) for a joint development opportunity in Venice at historic Division 6. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, December 17, 2019 through Thursday, September 3, 2020.

The qualified firm will work with Metro to plan, design, finance, construct and operate a project that is compatible with the area's historic fabric, supports local businesses, creates an iconic place for both existing residents and visitors, and furthers Metro's Transit Oriented Communities goals.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Gina Romo, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7558.

#### Energy and Climate Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services to be procured. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday December 20, 2019 through Monday, June 1, 2020.

Metro is seeking an Energy and Climate Consulting Team to provide support to Metro in its climate, energy, water and resources conservation and management program. These program areas support Metro's commitment to reduce, re-use, and recycle all internal resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Helen Gates-Bryant, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1269.

#### Kit - Wear Indicator (IFB)

Metro will release Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure wear indicator kits. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, December 18, 2019 through Thursday, April 30, 2020.

This procurement is for the purchase of wear indicator kits used on the brake pads for all newer New Flyer buses. The indicator turns on a warning light when the brake pads have exceeded 75% wear. The warning light is proactive to minimize damage that can occur should the brake pad metal come in contact with other brake components.

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.

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### **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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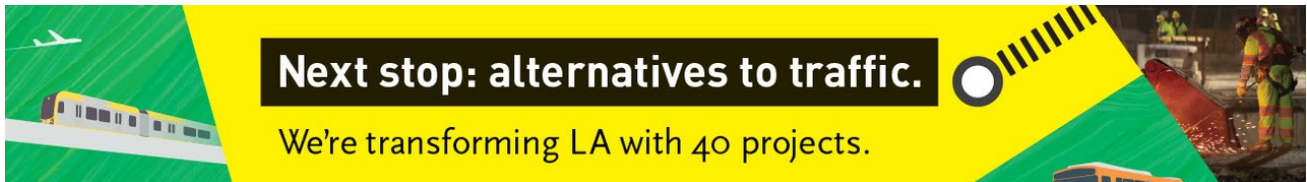
"I hated every minute of training, but I said, 'Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion.'"

~ Muhammad Ali

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