



# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### **Celebrating Excellence in the Workplace All-Hands and Awards Ceremony**

Thank you to all who participated in Celebrating Excellence in the Workplace all-hands and awards ceremony! Last Friday's event was our fifth year hosting the ceremony at the beautiful Orpheum Theatre in downtown Los Angeles.

Celebrating Excellence is our annual employee recognition event recognizing employees for exhibiting excellence in service and support in the categories of Customer Service, Innovation, Safety, Spirit, Teamwork, Wheelchair Securement, Division of the Year and the CEO Awards.

In November of last year, employees from across the agency were invited to nominate their coworkers for recognition. We hosted an award ceremony last Friday to recognize those employees.

Last week's event broke records. Over 1,000 employees joined the ceremony in person. Additionally, this year's program received over 161 nominations — recognizing over 450 employees from across the agency.

Many congratulations to all who were nominated for this year's program and thank you to everyone for your

hard work and dedication to our agency. Special thanks to Mayor of Inglewood and Metro Board Chair James Butts for his welcoming remarks and to all those departments who helped to make it happen — Human Capital & Development, Communications, Operations, Systems Security & Law Enforcement, Countywide Planning, and ITS.



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## Historic Metro-Caltrans Partnership Signed

On Tuesday, January 21, after months of tireless work, Metro and Caltrans District 7 entered into a historic partnership agreement that outlines principals and procedures by which the two organizations will work together to support expeditious investment in the transportation system in Los Angeles County. Beginning with proposition C in 1990 and continuing with Measure R in 2008 and Measure M in 2016, Metro has committed to invest in improvements to major freeways, State conventional highways and arterials throughout the County to relieve congestion, improve mobility and safety, and contribute to improved air quality. Over \$8 billion in Measure R and \$21 billion in Measure M are committed to transportation improvements, of which a significant amount is focused on the State highways. Caltrans District 7 Director,

John Bulinski and I led the signing event and committed to authentic collaboration to improve the transportation system for all people in LA County.



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### **Metro Participated in the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count**

On Friday, January 24, Metro in partnership with LAHSA, participated in the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. Volunteers gathered at Metro Headquarters at 5 am where they were greeted by Robert Green, Chief System, Security, and Law Enforcement Officer and received training from LAHSA before deploying to their designated location.

This was the first year Metro's Systems Security and Law Enforcement Department led the coordination and execution for Metro's count. Staff did an exceptional job increasing the number of volunteers by double when compared to the number of volunteers in 2019.

A special thank you to Metro's Marketing and ITS departments for their collaboration in making this event a success and to staff from Board Director, Hilda Solis's Office for their participation.





**Safety 1st for our Neighboring School**

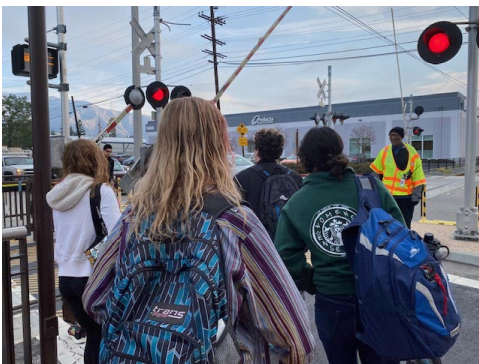
At Metro, safety is a top priority. Metro Community Education (MCE) and Rail Operations have taken the initiative to increase safety awareness for California School of the Arts San Gabriel Valley (CSArts-SGV) near the Duarte/City of Hope L Line (Gold) station.

Each school year MCE conducts all-campus safety assemblies at CSArts-SGV. However, unsafe behavior by students and patrons continued to be reported by Rail Operations. In collaboration with the school's leadership team, Metro decided to provide a greater safety presence on campus. MCE placed lawn signs and posters with safety messages throughout the school as reminders for students to always be alert around train tracks.

Since then, a team comprised of operations managers, law enforcement officers, retired Metro operators (Rail Safety Ambassadors) and school representatives have taken a hands-on approach to ensure student safety at this station. Rail Safety Ambassadors (RSA) have been temporarily deployed at Duarte/City of Hope station to continue monitoring and advise patrons to be safe at the train crossing and platform.

A similar safety campaign has also been conducted at the Pico-Aliso L Line Station.

Metro is committed to continue partnering internally and with community schools to create unique and site-specific safety campaigns to improve safe ridership for all.



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## Procurement Postings

There are no procurement announcements for the week ending January 25, 2020.

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## Construction Notices: Regional Connector, Orange Line, I-5

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

Street restoration at the 1st St and Alameda St intersection is now under way and scheduled to last through August 31, 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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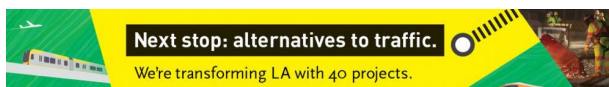
"The man who asks a question is a fool for a minute, the man who does not ask is a fool for life."

~ Confucius

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