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### **Kicking-Off the Metro 2020 Transportation Career Academy Program**

The Transportation Gateway Program's team recently hosted 75 external partner representatives to kick off Metro's 2020 Transportation Career Academy Program (TCAP). Representatives were invited from LA Unified School District, LA County Office of Education, Faith Leaders and Community Based Organizations from across Los Angeles County. This 7-week summer internship program for high school juniors and seniors is part of our commitment to create career pathways into the transportation infrastructure industry.

Over the next several weeks, the team will be asking Metro employees to host a TCAP high school intern this summer. I encourage you to sign up as a TCAP Worksite Supervisor to share your time and help inspire the next generation of leaders. A big thank you to Senior Director Marion Jane Colston and her team, Tai Alimi, Joshua Adeyemo, Jenny Duran, Sharlyn Romero, and Cesar Solis for facilitating this meeting and leading the TCAP program.



### On the Move Riders Program Leads a Travel Tour to Little Tokyo

Last Thursday, Metro's On the Move Rider's Program (OTMRP) hosted a travel training tour to Little Tokyo for 15 older adults from Murray Place, an independent living facility in the city of Cudahy. The group utilized Metro Local & Rapid buses and the L Line (Gold) for a self-guided, free tour of the Japanese American National Museum. During this trip, OTMRP staff informed older adults about Metro including destination planning, reloading a TAP card, safety, and an overview of local Metro projects and initiatives. For many of the participants, it was their first time utilizing Metro Rail. The OTMRP is a peer-to-peer training program that aims to educate older adults about the joys of riding public transportation. To learn more, visit [www.metro.net/onthemove](http://www.metro.net/onthemove).



### NextGen Bus Plan Public Workshops Update

Nearly 750 people have attended and submitted more than 1,000 comments at the seven NextGen Public Workshops that began across the county on February 1. This includes more than 200 people who joined us this past Saturday at Metro Headquarters. In this same period, there have been more than 9,000 visits to the NextGen website where people can view the proposals in a variety of ways and also leave comments. The next workshops are in Bell on Tuesday, Southwest Los Angeles on Wednesday, and Canoga Park on Thursday. Our outreach continues into March when we have 11 more workshops planned.

These workshops follow nearly two years of public outreach that has engaged thousands of county residents using surveys, take-one brochures, digital engagement, print advertisement, and more than 300 one-on-one meetings, community events, and presentations with a diversity of countywide stakeholders. We appreciate the support of our Board Members helping to spread the word about these workshops and invite them to continue doing so. More information about the already scheduled workshops is available at

the link: <https://www.metro.net/projects/nextgen/events/>



## Procurement Postings

There are no procurement announcements for the week ending February 22, 2020.

## Construction Notices: Regional Connector, Purple 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 underway 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: Utility Potholing on Constellation Blvd East of Avenue of the Stars

Starting Monday, February 17 the construction contractor continued with utility potholing on the north side of Constellation Blvd. to identify utility and soil conditions near the future station entrance. Night-time lane and sidewalk closures will be required for this work. All other lanes and sidewalks will remain accessible. To learn more, click [here](#).

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

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~ Thurgood Marshall

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