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Metro and TBAC Host Webinar on Information to Support Small Businesses During Pandemic

On Thursday, April 2, Metro and the Transportation Business Advisory Council (TBAC) hosted a 90-minute webinar on information and programs available to support small businesses during this COVID-19 pandemic which is negatively impacting businesses, especially small businesses. Over 250 participants logged in to hear experts present on topics such as the Governor's stimulus plan, payroll protection programs, loans, business counseling and recovery programs, privately funded and publicly funded small business resources, disaster and non-disaster loan programs and other resources. Small business participants were able to view presentations, submit questions, obtain resource personnel contact information, and learn where to start for program resources. The event was well received by small businesses. The webinar audio and video is posted on Metro's TBAC webpage, [here](#). The audio recording can be listened to, [here](#).

Metro Executive Officers Miguel Cabral and Michael Gonzales, representing Diversity & Economic Opportunity Department and Vendor/Contract Management, joined a distinguished panel of State, County and Regional partners who provided the resource information for the webinar. The speakers included:

Victor Parker, District Director, Small Business Administration;

Isabel Guzman, Director, Governor's Office of Small Business Advocate, Business and Economic Development;
Eugene Cornelius, Jr., Senior Director & former Deputy Chief Administrator, Center for Regional Economics and California Center Milken Institute;
Colette Moore, Director, Small Business Development Center, Pacific Coast Regional Corporation; and, Chris Perry, Business Development Manager, L.A. County Office of Small Business, Director, Business and Worker Disaster Help Center.

Metro truly appreciates the participation of this distinguished panel and TBAC for making this webinar such a success.



Our Guest Speakers

				
<small>Victor Parker, District Director Small Business Administration Los Angeles District Office</small>	<small>Isabel Guzman, Director Governor's Office of Small Business Advocate (GO-Biz) California Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development</small>	<small>Eugene Cornelius, Jr., Senior Director & former Deputy Chief Administrator Center for Regional Economics and California Center Milken Institute</small>	<small>Colette Moore, Director Small Business Development Center Pacific Coast Regional Corporation Los Angeles</small>	<small>Chris Perry, Business Dev. Manager L.A. County Office of Small Business Director, Business and Worker Disaster Help Center</small>

TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL (TBAC)
WEB BASED / ONLINE MEETING ONLY
RESOURCE INFORMATION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES
APRIL 2, 2020
10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. (ON-LINE ONLY)

April Metro Committee and Board of Directors Meetings to be Held Virtually

This coming Wednesday and Thursday, April 15-16, I will join our Metro Board of Directors via Lifesize videoconferencing system to conduct our regularly scheduled April Metro Committee meetings. Business must continue for the thousands of people who rely on our critical public services. We will host both the Committee Meetings and Regular Full Board Meeting, next week, virtually, allowing the public to attend via internet video stream - or by phone - and to submit public comments via three different methods in order to comply with public health directives concerning COVID-19.

All of the meetings will be accessible via video stream at <http://boardagendas.metro.net> or by phone by calling 213-306-3065 and entering the meeting ID number associated with each meeting. Full details including meeting ID numbers can be viewed on The Source, [here](#).



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METRO BOARD MEETING

April 23, 2020, at 10am
PIN: 263 641 558

**PLANNING AND
PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE**

April 15, 2020, at 11am
PIN: 269 274 003

**FINANCE, BUDGET AND
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

April 15, 2020, at 1pm
PIN: 269 274 003

**OPERATIONS, SAFETY AND
CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE**

April 16, 2020, at 9am
PIN: 267 036 711


CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE


April 16, 2020, at 10:15am
PIN: 267 036 711


**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE**

April 16, 2020, at 11:30am
PIN: 267 036 711

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What's on Your Mind - Social Media Highlights

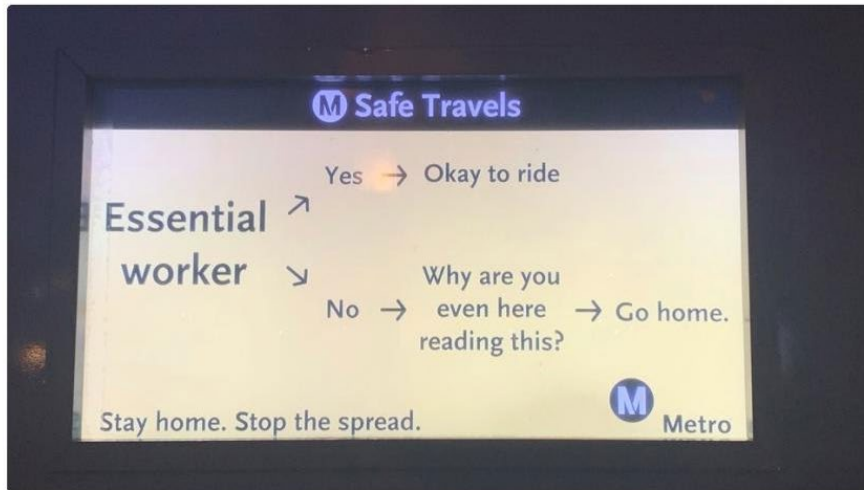
If you're traveling with us, it must be essential. In that case, we recommend you cover your nose and mouth with scarves or masks. We all have a responsibility to do everything we can to stop the spread. Stay safe and let's take care of each other.

I want to again personally thank all of our frontline employees serving the public at a time of importance like no other. Below is just a small testament from the Facebook and Twitter-worlds showing appreciation and thanks to Metro's essential employees.



Venice 311 @Venice311
April 6, 2020 - 7:33pm • View Post

@metrolaalerts Y'all got jokes up there. Nice work.



Hide Media

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Skylar Johnson 🙌 @lordchizethe1st
April 7, 2020 - 12:58pm • View Post

#shoutout to all @metrolosangeles drivers & workers. You all are the real MVP's! Salute. Take time to wave/acknowledge your driver y'all, they're sacrificing a whole lot, for others.

5 • Unlike

Procurement Postings

Metro Video Bench (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the services of video production firms for a bench contract. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, April 13, 2020 through Monday, August 31, 2020.

The Metro Marketing Communications Department requires the services of video production firms to produce short videos on a project assignment basis for use on the agency's paid and promoted use via website, social media, community presentations, and other customer and stakeholder channels.

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.

12' Stake Bed Trucks (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure nine (9) 12' stake bed trucks. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, April 10, 2020 through Thursday, July 16, 2020.

Metro is seeking a vendor to supply nine (9) 12' stake bed trucks to support Metro's operations. The vendor shall furnish, deliver, warrant each vehicle and shall also include all items/accessories not specified but required for the operational use of each vehicle. The vehicles shall be Ford F-450 or approved equal with two-wheel drive with regular chassis. 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 Aryani L. Guzman, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

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

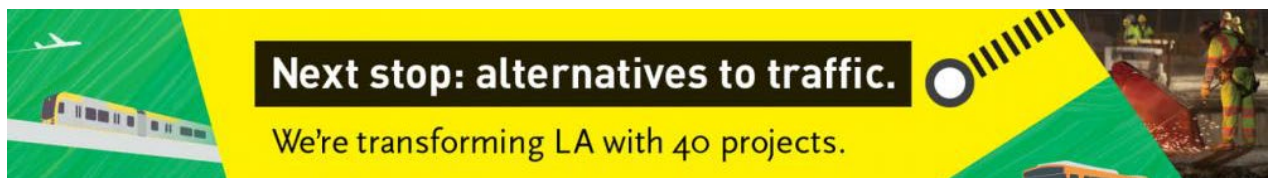
Starting Monday, February 17 the construction contractor continued with utility potholing on the north side of Constellation Blvd. to identify utility and soil conditions near the future station entrance. Night-time lane and sidewalk closures will be required for this work. All other lanes and sidewalks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

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

"Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too,
can be given to one only by other human beings."

~ Elie Wiesel

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