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Congratulations to the Operations Employees of the Month

This past Thursday, employees from Transportation and Maintenance were recognized at the Operations, Safety, and Customer Experience Committee Meeting as the department's August 2020 Employees of the Month.

The Transportation Employee of the Month is Llefri Galindo, Bus Operator at Division 13. Mr. Galindo is an exemplary employee with an outstanding job performance record. He provides input and suggestions to improve employee and customer safety. He has received commendations from passengers thanking him for always being on-time and having a great attitude. When it comes to providing customer service, he goes above and beyond to provide the best service to all customers and makes sure passengers are safe.

The Maintenance Employee of the month is Ulisses Alex Rivas, Service Attendant at Division 8. Mr. Rivas always excels beyond his normal job duties. He stays abreast of

Metro's policies and procedures as well as State regulations regarding safety and hazmat. He takes pride in his work, and it is evident in his performance. He has had a major role in decreasing Division 8's environmental compliance violations and has been instrumental in suggesting improvements for the division's bus cleanliness program.

Congratulations to the August 2020 Operations Employees of the Month and keep up the great work.

First Week of NextGen Virtual Public Hearings

Our first week of NextGen Virtual Public Hearings was a success. More than 60 people logged in and participated in the three hearings held last week. The first two focused on proposed changes in the San Fernando Valley and South Bay Cities, and the third hearing held on Saturday focused on changes being considered for all regions of LA County. These hearings give the public an opportunity to learn about the changes under consideration and tell us what they think about the proposed major service changes to Metro's bus system. The NextGen team led by Senior Executive Officer of Service Planning Conan Cheung, presented an overview of the NextGen Bus Plan including our commitment to upgrade our bus system for everyone in LA County. Metro is accepting comments through Thursday, August 27, 2020. The final three public hearings are scheduled for this week beginning tonight:

San Gabriel Valley Service Council Area

Monday, August 24, 6pm

Westside Central Service Council Area

Wednesday, August 26, 6pm

Gateway Cities Service Council Area

Thursday, August 27, 6pm

The public hearings are available to watch live on our webpage, metro.net/nextgen. Simultaneous translation for all hearings will be available in Spanish, Mandarin, and Russian. Public comments received online prior to and during the public hearing will be read aloud during the public hearing session and will become part of the public record. All comments will be reviewed and evaluated as part of the decision-making process.

Mass Transit's 2020 40 Under 40 Honors Andrina Dominguez

Mass Transit's 40 Under 40 is an annual recognition noting outstanding young individuals making a difference in the public transit industry. Criteria for selection includes such things as job commitment, industry involvement and contribution, achievement in their position and innovation in their field.

Andrina Dominguez, Senior Environmental Specialist, was recognized for her role in the development of Metro's Climate Change program and the Resiliency Indicator Framework. Andrina led the development of the Metro's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, and supported Metro's Capital Project Program, taking on environmental mitigation monitoring and compliance responsibilities for more than a dozen projects throughout Los Angeles.

Congratulations to Andrina for her achievements both inside and outside of Metro. Check out her full interview with Mass Transit [here](#).



2020 Census, Everyone Counts

By now, you may have received a form in the mail, a knock on the door, or a telephone call asking you to take the [2020 Census](#). I understand many of you are carrying a lot on your plate and, completing the form may seem like a low priority on your list. However, communities of every size, geographic location, ethnicity, and economic status must get counted.

Completing the Census will influence funding for highway planning and construction, as well as grants for buses and subways, and determine how to allocate money for local schools, older adults, and other programs. During these uncertain times, let's take 10 minutes of our time to shape the future for the next ten years.



On the Move Riders Program Hosted a Series of Regional Meetings

This month, Metro's On the Move Riders Program (OTMRP) hosted a series of regional meetings with older adults from all Service Council Regions. Several regions focused on getting to know each other, while others participated in unique conversations with the LA Dodgers and Cyber Seniors. It has been impressive to watch our audience become

proficient at communicating virtually, engaging and enjoying the camaraderie and virtual content shared during this time of quarantine. OTMRP's monthly virtual meetings will continue to take place for the foreseeable future until in-person meetings and presentations can resume. If you'd like to learn more about OTMRP's regional meetings for older adults, please contact OTMRP via email at onthemove@metro.net.



Become a Metro MicroTransit Driver

Metro is hiring a small group of people to become operators and help launch a new shared ride mobility service known as MicroTransit.

MicroTransit is an on-demand rideshare service offering short trips within Los Angeles County in vehicles that hold up to 10 customers, within six service zones across the County. These job openings provide a first-of-its-kind opportunity to join an entirely new mobility service at Metro as a full - or part-time employee with benefits, including healthcare. Metro is specifically looking for highly motivated and customer-service oriented individuals with experience at private transportation ride-hailing companies. Metro will accept applications for these positions through September 2, 2020.

Please click [here](#) for more information.



Procurement Postings

Alternator Belt Drive (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure alternator belt drive. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, August 21, 2020 through Friday, December 18, 2020.

This procurement is for the purchase of an alternator belt drive required to maintain the bus fleet operations and thus avoid disruption in service. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability as outlined in the Technical Requirements on an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract basis.

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 allentm@metro.net.

Inverter Control Box (IFB)

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Advertising and Communications Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure advertising and communication services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 24, 2020 through Monday, March 22, 2021.

Metro's Marketing and Communications Department is seeking a full-service advertising and communications agency to recommend integrated media plans as well as negotiate rates, procure approved Metro media advertising schedules/activities, develop creative assets, manage media billings, deliver research Point-of-View and provide data analyses. The services are required to assist Metro in assessing an annual advertising budget to strategize, develop and integrate advertising plans for ad campaigns to advance Metro products, services and brand.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Greg Baker, Principal Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7577.

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, 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.

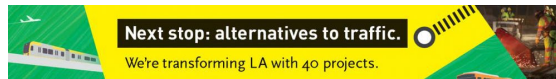
This effort marks the transition into the final phase of construction for the Regional Connector and brings it one step closer to testing and revenue operation. To learn more, click [here](#).

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

"Everything negative - pressure, challenges - is all an opportunity for me to rise."

~ Kobe Bryant

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