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Metro Commits to National Effort to Ensure Health and Safety of Returning Transit Riders

Metro has joined the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and transit agencies across the nation in committing to specific measures to help ensure the safe return of riders as the U.S. recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

APTA's national "Health and Safety Commitments Program" seeks to show riders exactly what transit agencies are doing to help keep transit as safe as possible and slow the spread of COVID-19. Under the partnership, Metro is expected to commit to:

- Following official guidance on safe riding practices from health experts and agencies.
- Protecting riders through cleaning, disinfecting, good ventilation, providing room for social distancing when practical.
- The use of face coverings by employees and riders.
- Sharing information that will empower riders to make informed choices.
- Ensuring transit workers and passengers are healthy.

As part of this campaign, Metro will ask riders to do their part by wearing face coverings, practicing social distancing when possible, following best health practices and avoiding transit when not feeling well. Please click [here](#) to read more about this article on The Source.



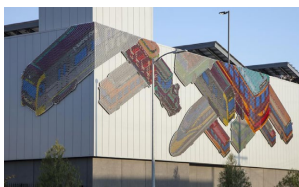
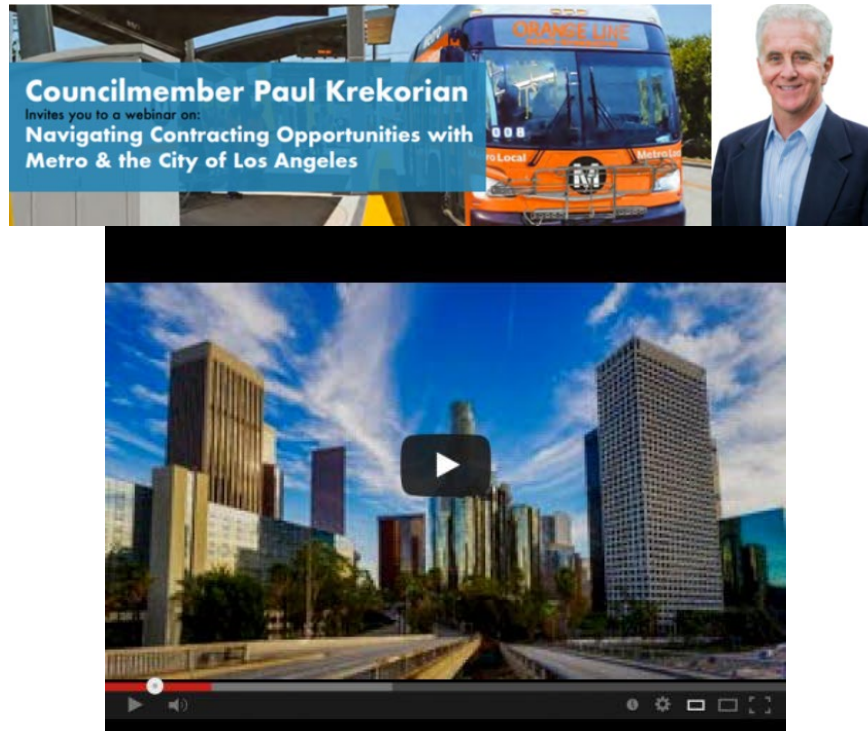
Metro's Contractor Development and Bonding Program's Virtual Outreach Workshop with the City of Los Angeles

Metro Board Member and City of Los Angeles Councilmember Paul Krekorian participated in Metro's Contractor Development and Bonding Program's (CDBP) joint Virtual Outreach Workshop with the City of Los Angeles on Thursday, August 27.

Over 141 contractors and other participants registered for the well-attended event to learn about accessing contracting opportunities with Metro and the City of Los Angeles. Director Krekorian welcomed those in attendance and emphasized his continued and unwavering commitment to fairness, equity and inclusion in contracting with the small business community. He also encouraged attendees to engage agencies and learn about construction projects in the region as Los Angeles prepares for the Olympics, World Cup, transportation infrastructure improvements and other areas of construction which translate to opportunities for business.

Brian Boudreau, Senior Executive Officer, Project Management Oversight, provided an overview of some of Metro's current and future capital projects, and Keith Compton, Director, Capacity Building and Data Integration, and Miriam Long, Director, Strategic Outreach Services, in DEOD provided information on small business programs, resources, contracting opportunities and outreach events. Thank you to staff for reaching out to the small business community to provide this valuable information and support.

For more information about CDBP's services and to inquire about our next MetroConnect workshop, please click [here](#) or contact our office at (213) 258-3000.



Artists Share Inspiration for Artwork featured on Award-winning Metro Facility

Metro was recently honored with an award for excellence in sustainable building at the Municipal Green Building Conference and Expo for Metro's Maintenance of Way facility in downtown Los Angeles. One prominent feature of the facility is an artwork mounted on the exterior façade and created by artists Benjamin Ball and Gaston Nogues of Ball-Nogues Studio. In the artwork, comprised of 30,000 acrylic chips, buses and rail cars are rendered as colorful shadows on the side of the building, alluding to the history of transportation in the region. Located on South Santa Fe Avenue in the Arts District, the work calls attention to the evolution of a dozen transportation systems—past present and future—within the corridor and greater LA County. To read more about this artwork on The Source, please click [here](#).

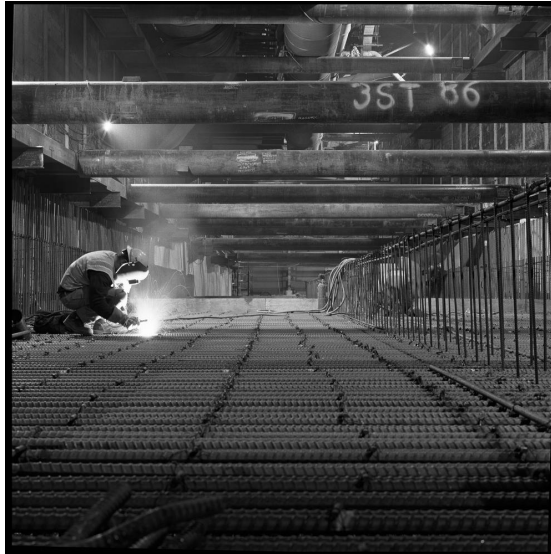
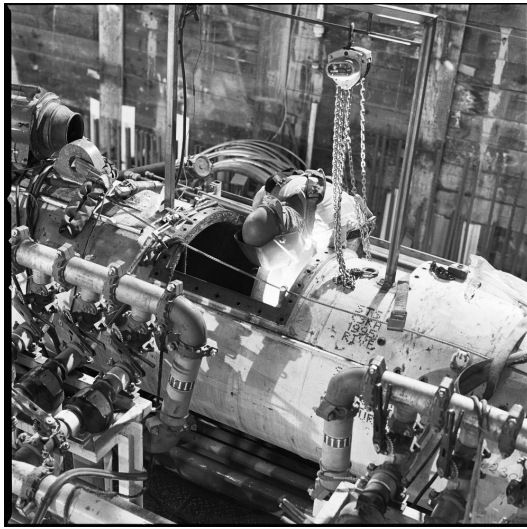


L (Gold) Line Speed Increase Outreach Efforts

Metro recognizes the outstanding collaboration work our agency is performing; Community Education Department, Marketing, and Operations recently executed a successful outreach plan to notify riders, residents and more than 60 local businesses and organizations affected by the increase of the L (Gold) Line Northbound speeds. The L Line will increase its northbound speed to 45mph on Avenue 45 at the intersection of Ave. 45 and Marmion Way starting September 30, 2020. Metro has started informing the public about this operational change with posted street signs, flyer distribution and a community outreach campaign. Thank you to Community Education, Marketing and Operations for working closely to ensure our communities are informed and kept safe. For additional information or questions, please call 213-418-3042 or email serviceimprovements@metro.net

Deep Connections, A New Photography Exhibition Documenting Metro Subway Construction by Artist Ken Karagozian at Union Station

Deep Connections is a new exhibition featuring the otherworldly black and white photography of artist Ken Karagozian. His work shares a unique view on Los Angeles few have seen through the documentation of Metro subway construction over the last three decades. The exhibition is now on display in the Union Station Passageway Art Gallery, coinciding with Construction Appreciation Week, and all the artworks are viewable [here](#) in the online gallery.



Metro Veterans Program in Partnership with Los Angeles County Military and Veterans Affairs Supports Veteran Virtual Series

On Thursday, September 10, 2020, Veteran Program Manager, Dennis Tucker coordinated efforts on behalf of Metro as we launched a new workforce development series in partnership with the Veteran Affairs (VA) to connect Metro Veterans with resources they might not be aware and/or taking advantage of through the VA.

This partnership with Los Angeles County Military and Veterans Affairs and Metro allowed VA County instructors to present on various subjects customized specifically for Veteran Benefits and Entitlements. The series will continue throughout fiscal year 2021 and will include the following:

- Veteran Health Administration (VHA)
- Veteran Benefits Administration (VBA)-Oct 2020
- National Cemetery Administration (NCA)-Jan 2021
- VA Home Loans/ CALVET Home Loan-Feb-2021
- VA Educational Benefits-Mar 2021

Bringing access to this information is part of Metro's commitment to Excellence in Service & Support including Veterans, their families, service-members past and present. I want to thank Los Angeles County Military and Veterans Affairs (LACMVA) in partnership with Metro, Bob Hope Patriotic Hall for their continued collaboration with these efforts.

Preventing Suicide, Together

The COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing community unrest and other traumatic events have undoubtedly impacted mental health. No matter what you're feeling or experiencing, just remember you are not alone, use Metro's [Employee Assistance Program](#) to get professional help. Together we can create positive change. During National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month in September, help us spread the facts about suicide and educate others on how we can help those who may be struggling. You might save a life.

If you or someone you care about is in a crisis, call the [Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) at (800) 273-8255 to talk with a caring, trained counselor. It is free, confidential, and available 24/7. En Espanol, Nacional de Prevencion del Suicidio (888)-628-9454. Options for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, for TTY users: use your preferred relay service or dial 711 then (800) 273-8255.



Procurement Postings

HVAC Water Treatment Services at Metro Headquarters (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking the services of a qualified firm to support a comprehensive HVAC water treatment program at Metro Headquarters (USG) building located in Los Angeles, California. The Contractor shall also provide water treatment chemicals and analytical services. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, September 9, 2020 through Friday, November 6, 2020.

Contractor shall provide all qualified water technologists, all chemicals, and all incidental materials and equipment necessary to maintain the required Metro Gateway Headquarters HVAC Water quality standards specified below in this scope of work.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Rommel Hilario, Principal Contract Administrator, (213) 922-4654.

Construction Management Support Services – Active Transportation Projects (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Construction Management Support Services (CMSS) consultants to support the planned Active Transportation Projects. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, September 15, 2020 through Monday, February 15, 2021.

CMSS consultant shall provide design review, construction management and administration of contracts associated with the Rail to Rail Active Transportation Corridor, Eastside Access Improvements Project (EAIP), and the Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements Project (LAUSFAE) to implement streetscape, pedestrian safety and bicycle access improvements.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Vanessa Vingno, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7574.

Construction Notices: LAUS Forecourt and Esplanade, Regional Connector, I-5

Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements Project

On-street work started for the Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements Project. Night time vehicle lane reductions and detours are expected on Alameda St, between Arcadia St and Cesar Chavez Av. and on Los Angeles St between Alameda St and 101 Fwy on-ramp. Work began on August 24, 2020 and is expected to continue for 3 weeks, Monday through Friday, 9pm -5am.

See the complete construction notice [here](#).

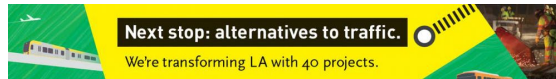
Regional Connector Transit Project - Partial Street Closure Central Av

In place now, through mid-November 2020, is a partial closure of Central Av between 1st St and 2nd St to allow construction of the station's roof and street restoration as the Regional Connector Transit Project enters its last phase of at-grade construction. To view the notice of work click [here](#).

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

"You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



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