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Final Meeting of the NextGen Working Group

Last Tuesday, I joined the NextGen Working Group's final meeting to thank them for their service in helping us develop the NextGen Bus Plan. Recently approved by the Board of Directors, the first components of NextGen will begin to be implemented with the December service shake-up. Comprised of representatives from over 70 organizations throughout Los Angeles County, Working Group members put in an extensive amount of time over the nearly three years we worked on the NextGen Bus Plan. The group included representatives from community and faith-based organizations, educational institutions, environmental justice leadership, Councils of Governments, transit advocates, transit service providers, and several others. The group met more than 10 times and many of them attended the more than 200 workshops we held.

These representatives provided valuable feedback, made important contributions to help us build a better bus system for all, represented the interests of their communities and helped spread the word to their communities on behalf of NextGen. We incorporated their feedback and acknowledged all the work they did to get us to where we are today. I know that their input and leadership helped give the Board of Directors the confidence to approve NextGen.

At the meeting, we provided details about the NextGen implementation, how we're communicating service changes to our patrons and further improvements in our system with both Metro Micro and the Better Bus initiative. Agencies across the United States have inquired how they can do a similar study to help improve their systems. None of this would have happened without the help and support of the NextGen Working Group.



Metro Conversations: How We Engage Unhoused Riders - November 19

Community Relations is launching a new virtual series Metro Conversations for the public, where Metro staff and our partners will share and discuss stories about the little-known work Metro does, yet enhances the quality of life in LA County. The inaugural conversation will be held on Thursday, November 19 at 12pm discussing how Metro engages unhoused riders on the Metro system. Featured panelists will be:

- Joyce Burrell Garcia, Special Projects Manager, Metro System Security and Law Enforcement Department
- Steve Fiechter, Senior Director, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)
- Karen Barnes, Associative Director of Multidisciplinary Teams, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)

To register for the conversation, please click [here](#). Metro Conversations is a virtual series that aligns with Metro's efforts to listen and learn from LA County communities. To learn more about Metro Conversations, please contact the team at metrospeaks@metro.net.



North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT Project Virtual Hearings

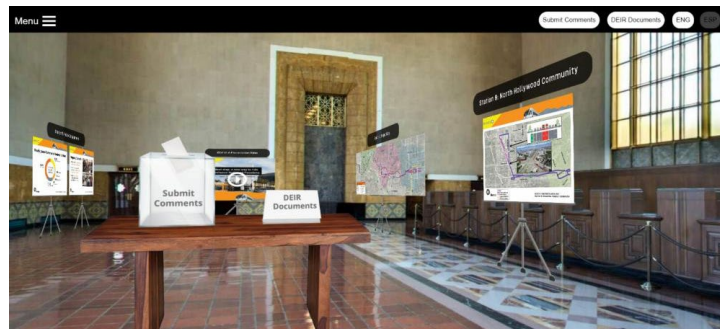
Metro staff completed two virtual hearings to receive comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the [North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT project](#). The combined

meetings held on November 12 and 14, drew over 180 participants including representatives from the offices LA Mayor and Metro Chair Eric Garcetti, LA County Supervisors and Metro Board Members Kathryn Barger and Hilda Solis, Los Angeles Councilmember Kevin De Leon and Councilmember and Metro Board Member Paul Krekorian, and the Chair of the California Transportation Commission (CTC), among other city representatives.

The North Hollywood to Pasadena Transit Corridor (NoHo to Pasadena BRT) extends approximately 18 miles and is a key regional connection through the communities of North Hollywood, Burbank, Glendale, Eagle Rock and Pasadena, with connections to the Metro B (Red), G (Orange) and L (Gold) Lines, as well as Metrolink and other municipal bus lines.

Metro released the DEIR to address the over 2,500 comments collected during last year's Environmental Scoping period as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. The DEIR comment period for the project is from October 26 to December 10, 2020. All comments received during this period will be addressed in the Final EIR.

In addition to hosting virtual community meetings, Metro created a virtual platform to simulate the in-person "open house" experience through a new Virtual Platform. Through the Platform, participants can take a virtual tour of the Union Station Ticket Concourse and view the virtual meetings boards, presentation, and recap video. The virtual platform brings the meeting experience to you to access at your convenience, review the DEIR and provide comments at <https://nohopasbrt.com>.



Procurement Postings

Scaffolding Services for Metro Redline (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a qualified contractor for scaffolding services. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers policy does not apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, November 12, 2020 to Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

A qualified contractor will be needed to install, dismantle, and remove scaffolding to be used by Metro to perform facility maintenance of lighting fixtures located at Metro Subway Stations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be

directed to and may only be answered by Kimberlyn Richardson, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2085.

Parts Washer Leasing and Maintenance Services (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) seeking the services of a contractor to provide leasing and maintenance services of parts washing machines for Metro's Central Maintenance Shops (CMS) as well as certain bus/rail maintenance divisions. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, November 13, 2020 through Friday, February 5, 2021.

The parts washer machines shall be used by Metro to degrease parts for rebuilding and remanufacturing of heavy-duty vehicle components and cleaning of painting equipment in the paint shop. The machines and cleaning solutions must comply with the South Coast Air Quality Management District rules 1171, 1122, Federal, State and Local government rules.

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.

Reverse Osmosis, In-Line Filtration and Bottle Water Service (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) seeking a qualified firm with the capacity to provide Reverse Osmosis (RO), In-Line Filtration Systems (ILFS), and Bottled Water Services for Metro facilities throughout Los Angeles County. Metro's transit facilities include but are not limited to bus divisions, terminals, rail divisions, train stations, customer service offices, and bus lay overs. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, November 9, 2020 through Monday, January 11, 2021.

This contract shall require all existing equipment and dispensers to be completely replaced with new systems, dispensers and storage tanks from point of connection. All plumbing work for building water and waste service lines will be done by others.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Marc Margoni, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1304.

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, Purple Line Extension, I-5

Regional Connector Transit Project - Historic Broadway Station Street Restoration

Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) will implement an extended closure of 2nd St between Spring St and Broadway for deck removal and street restoration as early as October 30, 2020 through Summer 2021. To view the notice of work click [here](#).

Purple Line Extension Project: K-Rail Work Zone at Wilshire Blvd./San Vicente Blvd.

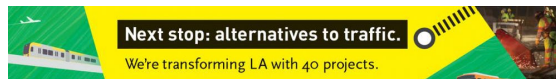
The K-Rail work zone within the center lanes of the Wilshire Blvd./San Vicente Blvd. intersection is anticipated to remain in place through December 2020. The enclosure will support ongoing tunnel and mitigation work underneath Wilshire Blvd. All left turns within the Wilshire Blvd./San Vicente Blvd. intersection will be closed while the K-Rail is in place. To view the notice of work click [here](#).

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

"The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion."

~ Paulo Coelho

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