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Launch of First Phase of NextGen Bus Plan and Metro Micro

Metro proudly introduced the first phase of our NextGen Bus Plan and its innovative Metro Micro service on Sunday, December 13. NextGen represents the first major overhaul of Metro's bus network in more than 25 years and is designed to speed up bus trips, provide more frequent trips to the bulk of Metro's riders and improve reliability and accessibility. When the NextGen Bus Plan is fully implemented in December 2021, there will be more frequent, all-day bus service on more routes, shorter wait times for buses and more reliable service. Even during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the NextGen network and its focus on improving the frequency of service will better serve bus riders. Metro's bus ridership has fallen less during the pandemic than in many other metro areas — which demonstrates how much people depend on Metro's bus system.

Metro Micro is a new on-demand ride-sharing service using vans and small vehicles that will be operated by Metro in select zones. The service is designed to integrate directly into our existing transit system and enhance transit service where it's challenging to run fixed-route buses. Metro Micro is designed to replace short, solo trips by offering a flexible, on-demand

service operated by Metro employees in vehicles that carry up to 10 passengers.

The service has been designed alongside Metro's NextGen Bus Plan to expand ride-hailing technology to all public transit customers, including historically underserved communities and populations, along with areas of LA County where fixed-route bus or rail service is less frequent or unavailable. Metro Micro will cost an introductory rate of \$1 per ride (transfer not included) for its first six months in each zone. Metro staff will return to the Board at the end of the six-month introductory period to consider potential fare adjustments. Metro Board Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and I participated in a Metro [Facebook Live](#) event announcing this launch that can be viewed, [here](#).

Metro Micro has launched in these two zones:

- Watts/Willowbrook: 5 a.m.-11 p.m., seven days a week
- LAX/Inglewood: 5 a.m.-10 a.m. and 2 p.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday

Future service zones expected to launch in 2021 (names subject to change):

- Compton
- El Monte
- North Hollywood/Burbank
- Northwest San Fernando Valley
- Highland Park/Eagle Rock/Glendale
- Altadena/Pasadena/Sierra Madre
- UCLA/VA Medical Center/Century City



Metro's Virtual Employer's Panel and Career Fair

On Wednesday, December 9, Metro convened its 5th annual Employer's Panel and Career Fair for more than 200 young transit professionals who participate in one of Metro's Career Pathway Programs: Metro Internship Program (MIP) and Entry-Level Trainee Program (ELTP). Given the current situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Next Generation Workforce Team wanted to continue offering the same types of professional development programs and events as they have done in the past.

This year's virtual session enabled Metro young professionals and 44 employers from the public and private sectors to come together for one of the featured events of the year. There were five scheduled sessions in total featuring three (3) keynote speakers (AECOM, FTA, Hatch-LTK) and 44 industry panelists who represented diverse industry sectors.

The sessions offered attendees an opportunity to speak first-hand with industry partners and employers, and learn about the roles the speakers have played in recruiting and selecting the best workforce talent for their respective industries. The event also permits an opportunity to showcase LA Metro's next generation of transit professionals. Testimony from two of the attendees included:

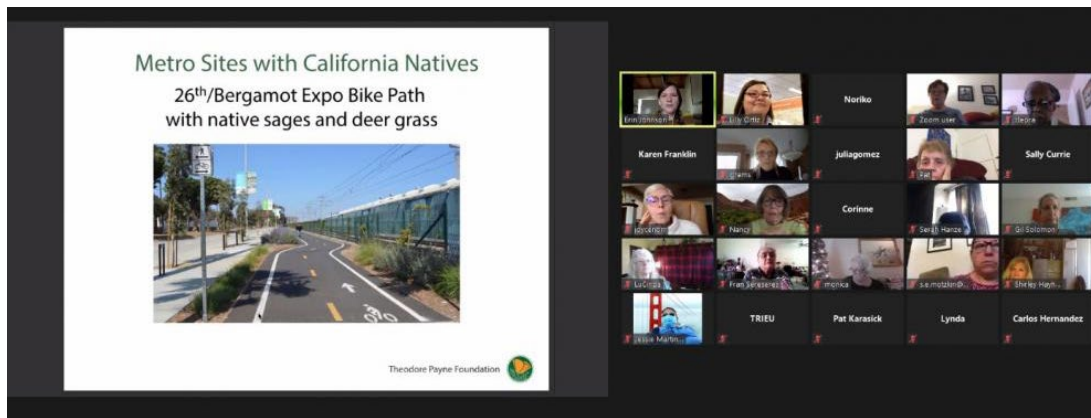
"I found so much value and new-found professional insight as well; in the sessions I was a part of. Thank you all again!" - Anna-Nicole Genislow, TA for TDM Policy & Regional Shared Mobility

"Such a great line up of speakers!" - Carola Sanchez, TA for Board Relations, Policy and Research



California Native Plants with The Thomas Payne Foundation

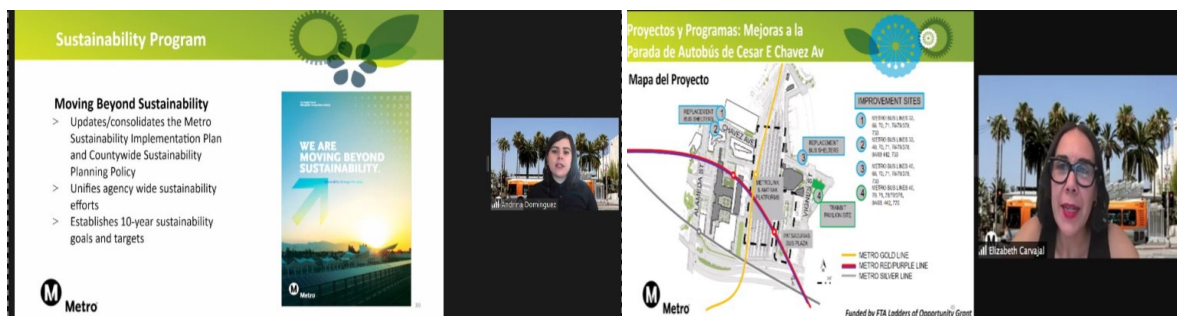
On Wednesday, December 9, Metro's On the Move Riders Program (OTMRP) collaborated with the Sustainability Department's "Growing a Greener Workforce" to host the Theodore Payne Foundation for an informative conversation on California Native Plants. The Theodore Payne Foundation usually offers training courses to Metro employees who are interested in the environment and sustainability of our ecosystem. Through our partnership, we were able to provide a seminar to 125 older adults throughout L.A. County about the types of native plants that thrive in our ideal climate. Tips were also shared on how to best evaluate one's own garden when deciding which plant selections are best suited for their specific yard. These and many other resources were shared by the Theodore Payne Foundation to support the community in its horticultural practices.



Metro Participation in Recent StreetsLA Webinars on Urban Heat

Last week, Metro staff from our Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Department (ECSD), Countywide Planning, OEI, and Community Relations participated in two webinars sponsored by StreetsLA on “Growing Vibrant LA Communities: Urban Heat – From Hazard to Hope”. Nearly 200 people participated in these identical events on December 8 and December 11, with one held in English and the other in Spanish. They focused on providing information regarding the threat of extreme heat in Los Angeles and discussing innovative solutions to keep neighborhoods cool.

Metro staff provided an overview of the agency’s [Moving Beyond Sustainability Plan](#) and [Climate Action and Adaptation Plan](#), the Better Bus Initiative, and the recently completed [Cesar E Chavez Av Bus Stop Improvements](#), as well as responded to questions and comments from participants. Metro is dedicated to the sustainability of L.A. County’s people, environment, and economy and will continue engaging with stakeholders and communities as we work to implement our sustainable initiatives. Thanks to ECSD (Andrina Dominguez, Claudia Velasco, Jesus Villanueva), OEI (Cassie Halls), Countywide Planning (Elizabeth Carvajal) and Community Relations (Julia Brown, Tania Taylor) for your participation in this event.



Procurement Postings

Fire-Life Safety Systems Testing and Repair Services (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) seeking a qualified licensed contractor to provide annual and five-year testing, inspection, repair, re-testing where applicable of water-

based fire suppression systems, emergency power systems, elevator testing, simple and complex fire alarm panels, related sensors, systems and fire-life safety equipment. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, December 16, 2020 through Friday, March 5, 2021.

To perform testing and certification of fire-life safety systems and install, alter, or repair water-based protection systems, contractor and/or its sub-contractor/s must possess valid certifications as required by the California State Licensing Board (CSLB), the Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) Chief's Regulation 4 and the CAL FIRE- Office of State Fire Marshal.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Steven Dominguez, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3158.

1st/Central Eastside Access Improvement Project (EAIP) (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a qualified contractor to construct the improvements of the Eastside Access Improvement Project (EAIP). The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, December 11, 2020 through Monday, May 10, 2021.

The EAIP is an active transportation project that will be implemented in the Little Tokyo and Arts District neighborhoods of Downtown Los Angeles. The improvements made with this Project will enhance the livability of this historic commercial and burgeoning residential district and facilitate linkages to nearby Union Station and the integration of bicycle and pedestrian access to Metro rail and bus systems. The Project includes streetscape such as street furniture, lighting, landscaping, and stormwater parkways, pedestrian walkways and bicycle infrastructure including a walk-bike esplanade, Class I and II bicycle lanes, and associated signage.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Laura Barrera, Assistant Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4365.

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

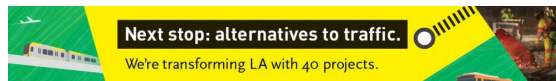
support ongoing tunnel and mitigation work underneath Wilshire Blvd. All left turns within the Wilshire Blvd./San Vicente Blvd. intersection will be closed while the K-Rail is in place. To view the notice of work click [here](#).

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

"Nothing is permanent in this wicked world - not even our troubles."

~ Charlie Chaplin

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