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Operations January 2021 Employees of the Month

On Thursday, January 21, Metro's Operations Department recognized employees from Transportation and Maintenance at the Operations, Safety, and Customer Experience Meeting as the department's January 2021 Employees of the Month.

The Transportation Employee of the Month is Mr. Herman Mijangos, Train Operator on the Red Line who has worked at Metro for the past 24 years. He is a hard-working professional who is very passionate about his job and has served as SMART Shop Steward, assisting both operators and management to work together for the success of the Red Line. Herman has submitted numerous suggestions to improve the safety of the Red Line operation, sincerely enjoys helping his peers and customers, and is highly invested in achieving Metro's goals.

The Maintenance Employee of the Month is Mr. Eric Lewis, Mechanic Leader at Division 3 -

Cypress Park who has also worked at Metro for the past 24 years. He is a dedicated employee who takes great pride in ensuring his shift is active and productive. Eric's work ethic and abilities to fill voids caused by leaves as a result of the pandemic through creative thinking continue to shine throughout the division. He ensures that our riders have safe clean buses in a timely manner regardless of the obstacles he faces.

On behalf of the agency, I would like to thank the Employees of the Month for their hard work and leadership at Metro.



Metro's Freight Working Group Hosts CalSTA Secretary David Kim

Last Tuesday, January 19, 2021 Metro hosted a Freight Working Group meeting to present the final 2021 LA County Goods Movement Strategic Plan to over 100 stakeholders and leaders from communities, public agencies and the private sector throughout LA County.

We were honored to have California Secretary of Transportation David S. Kim provide the keynote address and answer questions from the group. Secretary Kim commended Metro for bringing together the most diverse and robust goods movement stakeholders in LA County history and outlined the many ways in which Metro is aligned with the state and the incoming Biden Administration to deliver on our mutually-held goals of economic recovery and competitiveness, environmental sustainability and social equity. We were also privileged to have three of our California Transportation Commissioners, Chair Hilary Norton and Commissioners Fran Inman and Joseph Lyu, Ph.D., participate in a panel to share their perspectives on how Metro is well-positioned to work with the Commission to deliver investment in projects and programs that leverage Measure R and Measure M funding to improve mobility, air quality, goods movement and equity.

I would like to thank Metro Chief Planning Officer Jim de la Loza for providing Metro's perspective on these key issues as they move forward to support our Vision 2028 and Long Range Transportation Plan. I would also like to thank Michael Cano, Deputy Executive Officer for Goods Movement, and his team of Akiko Yamagami and Sona Babayan for their work to put together this successful event that helps Metro be a leader and partner in the region for goods movement issues.

Thank you to the many stakeholders that have worked with Metro over the past two years to develop a collaborative, comprehensive and dynamic approach to addressing our region's many important goods movement needs and to help us advance toward a more inclusive, equitable, sustainable and competitive LA County.



The Honorable David S. Kim, Secretary
California State Transportation Agency

Metro Art-Commissioned Poet Amanda Gorman Makes History as Inaugural Poet

Los Angeles' own Amanda Gorman made history at age 22 on Wednesday, January 20 when she delivered her poem, "The Hill We Climb" at the inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. Gorman — the first National Youth Poet Laureate — also recently wrote an original poem, commissioned by Metro, that reflects on transit in Los Angeles. The poem will be included in a forthcoming Metro Art publication featuring works by several artists who are connected to the neighborhoods along the future Crenshaw/LAX light rail line.

You can watch a video and read more about Amanda Gorman on [The Source](#).

Community Conversations with Boyle Heights Leaders from Los Angeles LGBT Center & Latino Equality Alliance

The next installment of the virtual Community Conversations series partners with the Los Angeles LGBT Center and Latino Equality Alliance. The discussion "Mi Centro es Tu Centro: A Place of Pride for Boyle Heights" will feature leaders from Mi Centro in Boyle Heights, managed in partnership by the Los Angeles LGBT Center and the Latino Equality Alliance to discuss the Eastside's LGBTQ history and how Mi Centro's service to Latinx LGBTQ individuals and the broader Boyle Heights neighborhood has increased visibility for the LGBTQ community.

The featured panelists include Alan Acosta, Director of Strategic Initiatives at Los Angeles LGBT Center, Jo Cerda, Youth & Family Connections Manager at Los Angeles LGBT Center, and Eddie Martinez, Executive Director at Latino Equality Alliance.

You can join the Zoom meeting (limited space):

<https://zoom.us/j/99571169609?pwd=THR2NzdMOTIXcDZxM3Zld0JCbVY3QT09>

Meeting ID: 995 7116 9609

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Community Conversations is a virtual public program that aligns with Metro's commitment to

diversity and inclusion as well as our efforts to listen and learn from LA County communities. To learn more about Community Conversations, contact Michael Cortez at cortezmic@metro.net.



Procurement Postings

Nextrip Bus and Rail Arrival Information System Upgrade (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an upgrade to Metro's bus and rail arrival information system. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, January 21, 2021 through Friday, June 4, 2021.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified contractor to provide hosting and system programming, maintenance, and data integration services for a real-time arrival prediction information system for Metro's bus and rail fleet that will upgrade, improve, and streamline the agency's current process.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ana Rodriguez, Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 922-1076.

Renewal of Exabeam Advanced Analytics and Threat Hunter Subscription Software Licenses (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to renew Exabeam Advanced Analytics and Threat Hunter Subscription Software Licenses. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, January 14, 2021 through Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

Metro is seeking contractor to renew the Exabeam Advanced Analytics and Threat Hunter Subscription Software Licenses. The license renewal is for Metro to continue the use of the Exabeam licenses already in place.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Annie Duong, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3048.

IT SCADA Assessment (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure policy development services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement

process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, January 27, 2021 through Monday, April 26, 2021.

Metro is evaluating its IT Security by initiating the Enterprise Infrastructure/ Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) project and is looking for a consultant to assess the current SCADA System and make improvement recommendations to Metro.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Victor Zepeda, Contract Administrator at zepedav@metro.net.

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.

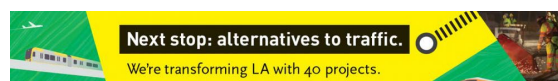
The K-Rail work zone within the center lanes of the Wilshire Blvd./San Vicente Blvd. intersection is anticipated to remain in place through January 2021. The enclosure will support ongoing tunnel and mitigation work underneath Wilshire Blvd. All left turns within the Wilshire Blvd./San Vicente Blvd. 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](#).

"No one succeeds alone. Never walk alone in your future paths."

~ Sonia Sotomayor

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