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Fareless System Initiative Telephone Town Hall

Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker joined Metro staff to host a Telephone Town Hall on Wednesday, March 31. The town hall automatically dialed out to 100,000 Los Angeles County residents to participate in a discussion of Metro's Fareless System Initiative (FSI), which is exploring how to make bus and rail fareless and improve mobility in Los Angeles County. The town hall provided an opportunity for Metro to receive feedback through live comments and polling and to answer questions that callers may have concerning this initiative.

The Fareless System Initiative study is underway, and a leading concept being explored as part of the study is a fareless pilot program that would provide fareless rides for low-income riders starting in January 2022 and extending to K-12 grade students starting in August 2022. The call was very helpful in informing and educating our communities about this important initiative and was available in multiple languages including Armenian, Chinese

Mandarin, English, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese. Many thanks to Metro Communications, the FSI Project team, ITS and others who helped in producing this successful telephone town hall.

Metro Selects Members for New Public Safety Advisory Committee

Metro has selected 15 community members to participate in the agency's new Public Safety Advisory Committee, which will help Metro re-envision public safety on its transit system. The committee will have the opportunity to provide recommendations on the remaining six months of Metro's law enforcement contract, including the approach for the future opening of Crenshaw/LAX Line. The committee will be instrumental in helping Metro launch pilot law enforcement programs, gather lessons learned, identify costs and seek customer feedback.

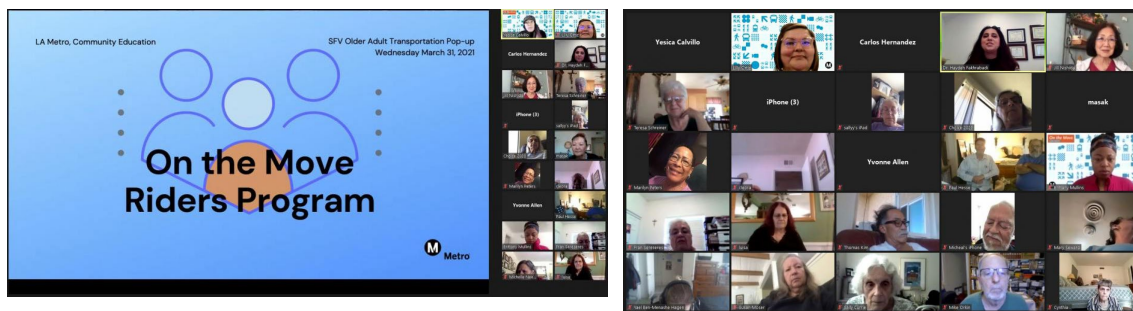
The new Public Safety Advisory Committee will help design and implement new initiatives requested by the Metro Board. Specifically, funding will go toward a transit ambassador program that provides a staffed presence at Metro facilities and vehicles, elevator attendants at stations, a flexible dispatch system that sends unarmed security ambassadors and other non-law enforcement personnel to respond in appropriate situations, more homeless outreach assistance to pay for short-term shelters and additional homeless outreach teams, among others.

Metro's newly selected advisory committee members hail from throughout L.A. County and represent a diverse range of perspectives. Selected committee members either ride the Metro System regularly, have knowledge of transit and/or possess specialized expertise as representatives of various community-based organizations.

For additional project information, please click [here](#).

Metro's On the Move Riders Program hosts the San Fernando Valley Older Adult Transportation Pop Up

Metro's On the Move Riders Program (OTMRP) hosted the San Fernando Valley edition of the virtual Older Adult Transportation Pop-Up event on Wednesday, March 31. The Transportation Pop Ups are held in each of the five regions throughout LA County. The events serve to connect older adults with public transportation information and other relevant resources. Last week's virtual event, hosted 65 older adult attendees and featured an overview of Metro's Better Bus Initiative, an introduction to LA County Department of Mental Health's Mental Wellness Series, and a spotlight of the Van Nuys Airport. The OTMRP team received positive feedback, with attendee Irene Galvan mentioning, "it was a most insightful event." OTMRP continues to work diligently to remain engaged with older adults via monthly virtual meetings and interactive events.



Arts District/6th Street Station Scoping Comment Period and Scoping Meetings in April

Metro released a [Notice of Preparation](#) (NOP) on Monday, March 29 to kick off a 45-day public comment period lasting from Monday, March 29 to Wednesday, May 12 to gather public input about the scope of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Arts District/6th Street Station.

The Arts District/6th St Station is a proposed new Metro B Line (Red) and/or D Line (Purple) station near 6th Street that would provide regional and local transit connections to and from Arts District, Little Tokyo, Boyle Heights, and surrounding communities. The station would be located south of Metro's Division 20 Rail Yard and would be generally bounded by the 6th Street Bridge to the north, 7th Street to the south, the Los Angeles River to the east, and by Mesquite Street to the west.

With funding support from the City of Los Angeles, Metro is preparing an EIR and conducting public outreach for the EIR. Funding for construction has not been identified for this potential project.

Metro is hosting two virtual scoping meetings on Wednesday, April 14 and Saturday, April 17 to gather input from the public about the scope of the DEIR. For more information on the project and how to join the meetings, please visit metro.net/artsdist6thstation.



Procurement Postings

Rail to Rail Active Transportation Corridor (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a qualified contractor to construct the improvements of the Rail to Rail Active Transportation Corridor. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, April 9, 2021 through Thursday, July 1, 2021.

Rail to Rail Active Transportation Corridor is approximately five and one-half miles (5.5) long starting at the A Line (Blue) Slauson Station and continues along an inactive freight line on LACMTA's Right-of-Way (ROW), with a connection to the J Line (Silver) at 110 Freeway. The Corridor continues along an inactive freight line on LACMTA's ROW diagonally, southwest, and terminates at 67th Street/11th Avenue. Work includes utility relocations, construction of asphalt bike path and concrete pedestrian walkway, low-impact development (LID) stormwater management systems, landscaping, irrigation, fencing, site lighting, security systems, street furniture, wayfinding signage, and prescriptive soil treatment. The enhancements to the public ROW include street and intersection improvements, striping, crosswalks, signals, bike and street loops, streetlights, pedestrian/bike signals, curb-ramps, and utility relocations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Wonder Van Twist, Senior Manager, Contract Administrator, at (213)-922-7325.

Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Stations at Metro Bus Div. 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 18 (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure operations and maintenance (O&M) services for the existing Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Stations at Metro Bus Divisions 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, and 18. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, April 7, 2021 through Monday, October 25, 2021.

Metro is seeking a qualified contractor to provide comprehensive 10-year O&M services for the existing CNG Fueling Stations at six Metro Bus Divisions. The scope of work for the project includes testing, O&M of the existing CNG fueling systems, and maintenance of facilities in operable and normal condition, even if usage is at or near zero therm per month. The actual bus-fueling operations will take place at the existing fuel and vacuum buildings at each Division and will be performed by Metro labor.

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.

LED Interior Light Upgrade Metro Rail Cars (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposal to procure services for the development and installation of LED Interior Light Upgrade Kits. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, April 9, 2021 through Monday, October 11, 2021.

Metro is seeking a contractor to provide services in upgrading fluorescent lighting to LED in support of rail fleet operations in order to improve passenger lighting conditions for public transit services in Los Angeles County.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lorretta Norris, Sr. Contract Administrator, at norrisl@metro.net.

Commercial & Industrial Door Repair and Preventative Maintenance Services (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to seek a qualified licensed Contractor to provide installation, automation and repair services for rollup and hinged fire doors, hinged single and double glass/aluminum doors, steel roll-up doors/grilles and all other types of doors, and preventive maintenance for all steel roll-up doors/grilles as directed, throughout Metro bus and rail facilities. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, April 6, 2021 through Friday, July 2, 2021.

Interested bidders must have a valid State of California C61 (Limited Specialty), Sub-category D28 (Doors, Gates and Activating Devices) License for the past three (3) years.

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, at (213) 922-4654.

2 Nortel Mac Software Support (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure software support services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, April 1, 2021 through Thursday, July 1, 2021.

Metro is seeking the services of a contractor that can provide support for Cisco Call Manager and Unity voicemail administration, Telstrat Administration, and legacy Nortel PBX and voicemail MAC.

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.

Oracle Primavera Unifier Application User Licenses (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure 130 Oracle Primavera Unifier Application User Licenses. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, April 7, 2021 through Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

Metro is seeking a contractor to procure 130 Oracle Primavera Unifier Application User Licenses with annual software maintenance. Oracle Unifier licenses are for Metro to continue the use of the Project Management Information System (PMIS) 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.

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

Regional Connector Transit Project - Closure of Temple St. for Alameda Tunnel Box

Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) implemented an extended closure of Temple St between Alameda St and Garey St for the construction of the Alameda Tunnel Box. The 24/7 closure began on Friday, January 29, 2021 and will continue for approximately six months. To view the notice of work click, [here](#).

Purple Line Extension Project: Utility Relocation on Ashton Ave and Midvale Ave

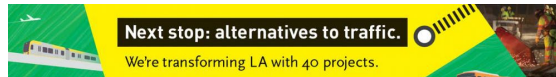
Metro contractors will conduct utility relocation for the sanitary sewer lines on Wilshire Blvd., Westwood Blvd., Ashton Ave., and Midvale Ave. in preparation for the Purple (D Line) Extension Section 3 project. Work is scheduled to begin on February 10, 2021, and will take approximately 2 months to complete. To view the notice of work click [here](#).

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

"If not us, who? If not now, when?"

~ John F. Kennedy

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