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| **Update on the 2013 Metro Charitable Giving Campaign**  The Metro Charitable Giving Campaign makes it easy for Metro employees to give back to our community. The 2013 Campaign began with visits to the Divisions starting Tuesday, October 1, 2013, and ended with a visit to Gateway today, November 15, 2013. Please note that employees can still sign up for donations, after today. For more information about donation opportunities, go to the[Metro Charitable Giving Campaign](http://mymetro/AdminPolicies/Pages/Metro's-Charitable-Giving-Campaign.aspx)website, or contact Ernie Ruben at extension 2-7082 or[rubene@metro.net](mailto:rubene@metro.net).  The Fund Distribution Agencies (FDAs) involved in the 2013 Campaign are listed below; however, employees can donate to any other charity of their choice through the Campaign.   * [The Asian Pacific Community Fund (APCF)](http://apcf.org/) * [The Brotherhood Crusade](http://www.brotherhoodcrusade.org/) * [Community Health Charities of California (CHCC)](http://california.healthcharities.org/) * [EarthShare California](http://earthshareca.org/) * [The Hispanic Scholarship Fund](http://www.hsf.net/) * [The United Latino Fund (ULF)](http://www.unitedlatinofund.us/) * [UNCF – United Negro College Fund](http://www.uncf.org/) * [United Way of Greater Los Angeles](http://www.unitedwayla.org/)   **Metro’s Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program**  National Public Radio has interviewed Richard Hunt, General Manager, Strategic Vehicle & Infrastructure Delivery, on Metro’s Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program, as well as the most recent procurement for all-electric buses from BYD Motors. Mr. Hunt reported that Metro has a long history of testing alternative fueled buses in efforts to reduce emissions for the Los Angeles region, and today the agency operates the nation’s largest natural gas bus fleet. The most recent electric bus procurement from BYD will provide Metro with five initial electric buses to test their applicability in meeting Los Angeles’ rigorous transit service demands. Metro plans to monitor the performance of the initial delivery and study the roll out of BYD buses in other cities as it considers the potential procurement of additional electric buses in the future. The story is expected to run tomorrow.  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notice**  The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to implement closures as part of a project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the Interstate 5/State Route 170 interchange. Construction activities are scheduled to begin on Sunday, November 17, 2013. To view the complete Caltrans construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131115_Caltrans_Construction_Update.pdf).  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131115_Caltrans_Construction_Update.pdf>  **Procurement Postings for Next Week**  Bus Washers at Divisions 8 and 15 Design/Build (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week for a contractor to perform complete construction work for installation of Bus Washers at Divisions 8 and 15. The contractor shall provide complete design, construction, construction management work, labor, materials, equipment, transportation, supplies, supervision, and incidental costs as necessary. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, November 18, 2013 through Tuesday, March 11, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Deneise Glover, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7302.  Professional Recruitment Services (RFP)  Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure Professional Recruitment Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, November 20, 2013 through Thursday, January 30, 2014. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is initiating a significant expansion funded by Measure R programs and is seeking the services of a recruiter (Consultant) to assist in filling professional and management level positions in all technical areas of Light and Heavy rail design and construction as required. The recruiter must have a proven track record of success in filling such positions described in the Statement of Work in the RFP for other agencies and/or firms. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Linda Rickert, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4186.  Drills, Taps and Tools (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Drills, Taps and Tools. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, November 21, 2013 through Monday, March 31, 2014. Drills, taps and tools are used by maintenance staff in various applications to perform repairs on vehicles, equipment and facilities. Award of contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. Any inquiries from the public concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1018 or [allent@metro.net](mailto:allent@metro.net).  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week I will attend our monthly committee meetings. I will have a meeting with Chair Diane DuBois and Metro Board Directors Pam O’Connor and Michael Bonin. In addition, I will have separate meetings with Councilmember John J. Kennedy from the City of Pasadena and Nick Patsaouras. | |
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