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ACE Construction Authority Groundbreaking of Fullerton Road Grade Separation

This morning, Metro Chair John Fasana and I joined LA County Supervisors and Metro Board Members Hilda Solis and Michael D. Antonovich, to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Fullerton Road Grade Separation by the Alameda Corridor East (ACE) Construction Authority. Metro is contributing \$84 million of the total price tag of \$145 million through Measure R and Proposition C funding. Chair Fasana spoke about the essential role that local taxpayers play in funding necessary and important infrastructure projects throughout the county and the opportunity presented with Measure M on the November 8 ballot. Also, United States Representatives Grace Napolitano and Judy Chu addressed participants and California Assembly members Ian Calderon and Freddy Rodriguez and State Senator Ed Hernandez were there to speak and show their support for this project.

Los Angeles Commissioner Praises Eat, Shop, Play Campaigns

Yesterday, LA Board of Public Works Commissioner Joel Jacinto stopped by Metro Headquarters to meet featured entrepreneurs and learn more about Eat, Shop, Play. Little Tokyo businesses HD Sportswear, Japangeles and Wadee Spa set up shop outside of the cafeteria for the fall Vendor Day. Commissioner Jacinto met with Bryan Pennington, Metro's Deputy Chief Program Management Officer, and discussed the importance of supporting local businesses during construction. Jacinto applauded Metro's efforts and encouraged further community outreach.

Metro's Construction Relations hosts Eat, Shop, Play vendor days every quarter to help relieve local businesses of the impacts from Metro construction. This opportunity allows Eat, Shop, Play stores to reach

a new market and for Metro employees to find unique products while supporting "mom and pop" stores.



Los Angeles Hosts 2016 APTA Annual Conference

This week, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) held its annual conference at the J.W. Marriott LA Live. APTA's Annual Meeting is the flagship event for public transportation professionals to engage in workshops, join tours, and network with colleagues. Attendees were able to tour several of Metro's Facilities including Division 13, Union Station, Monrovia Operations Campus and Division 20 among others. Metro also highlighted our successful programs including Joint Development and Metro Art. Metro Executives participated in several panels including Trend-Setting Initiatives, Transforming Lives and Communities, and Mega Projects Worldwide.

I would like to thank all of the Metro staff who stepped up and volunteered to help host this event, in particular Glen Becerra and Bernadette Mindiola of the Marketing department who led all of the planning efforts with APTA. To watch the opening general session which includes remarks from Board Chair and Duarte City Councilmember, John Fasana, as well as myself, click [here](#).



Presenting the LA County Traffic Improvement Plan to the Los Angeles City Council

On Wednesday, I attended the Los Angeles City Council Meeting to give a presentation to the City Council on Measure M, the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan. I reminded them that LA County is projected to grow by 2.3 million people in the next 40 years and that Metro's Plan is the way to prepare for this growth and raise the funding to meet current and future transportation needs. All 13 of the Los Angeles City Council Members voted to approve a resolution supporting Measure M and the majority of public comment was positive.

Recognizing Outstanding Operators

I was pleased to receive a letter from City of South Pasadena Mayor Pro Tem Michael Cacciotti recognizing the excellent service provided by a Metro Operator, Lorraine Caloca, from Division 9. Metro strives to ensure our front line employees have all the tools and proper training necessary to provide safe and punctual public transportation. However, we are fortunate to get those operators that are naturally outstanding individuals who radiate friendliness and warmth, going above and beyond just safe transportation.

I want to thank and recognize Lorraine Caloca for impressing Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti with her kindness and professionalism, compelling him to send me this thoughtful letter. Ms. Caloca truly set an example of providing excellence in service and support.

Procurement Postings

Call Box and Motorist Aid Support Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services for developing, deploying, operating, and replacing the existing Call Box and Motorist Aid Call Answering Center for the Los Angeles County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (LA SAFE). **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, September 19, 2016 through February 7, 2017.

Metro will seek proposals from qualified firms to develop, supply and deploy a fully operational replacement of the existing Call Box and Motorist Aid Call Answering Center. This project requires an all-inclusive system implementation and deployment that will enhance and improve existing operations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Roxane Marquez, Principal Contracts Administrator at (213) 922-4147.

Safety Gloves (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure safety gloves. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, September 22, 2016 through Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

This procurement is for the purchase of various safety gloves that are needed for all employees who work in safety sensitive areas of the agency. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price.

Any inquiries 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.

Construction Notices - Purple Line Extension, I-5

Metro Purple Line Extension: Weekend Construction Activities -- K-Rail Installation and Jet Grouting

- K-Rail Installation and Jet Grouting Activities postponed, to be rescheduled for a future date.
- Caltrans Interstate 5: All Construction Updates [here](#).

“Most people miss opportunities because it's dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

~Thomas Edison

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