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China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation Contract Signing Ceremony

On Wednesday, I joined Metro Chair John Fasana, and executives from China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation (CRRC) to conduct a signing ceremony for the agency's new heavy rail car contract. The ceremony garnered substantial media attendance from local and foreign media including the Los Angeles Times, KABC 7, and China News Service. CRRC will build a base order of 64 new HR 4000 rail vehicles for the Metro Red/Purple Lines for \$178 million including up to five options to buy additional subway cars with a total contract value of \$647 million. Of the rail vehicles to be delivered, 30 will be used to replace existing Metro Red and Purple Line trains and the remaining 34 rail cars will be used for the Metro Purple Line's first four-mile extension from the Mid-Wilshire District to Beverly Hills when the line opens in 2023. I am proud to announce that this contract will create new local jobs generating up to \$38 million in wages and benefits. Importantly, about 10 percent of all new jobs created will go to targeted disadvantaged workers. I look forward to seeing these spectacular vehicles in operation soon.



Say Hello to Metro's Best: Operator Appreciation Campaign

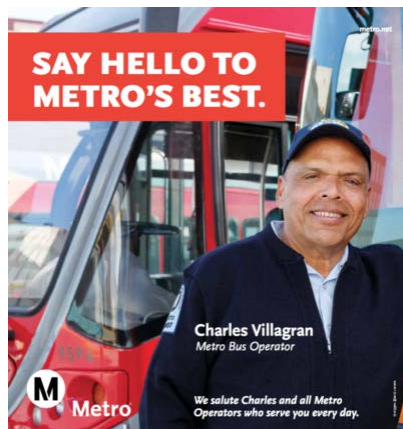
Last month, we celebrated the national Transit Driver Appreciation Day to show thanks and praise to our bus and rail operators. This is a difficult job requiring much skill and focus. As a follow up to Transit Driver Appreciation Day, over the next few months Metro will spotlight Metro's Best Bus Operators, a group that absolutely excels at providing excellence in service and support. To kick it off, I would like to salute our first round of selected operators:

Charles Villagran – Division 13

Mary Bonner – Division 10

Earl Jones – Division 5

Thank you for safely driving Los Angeles County forward and for all that you do to enhance our customer's experience each day. Find out more about our best operators [here](#).



Students Visit Metro and Present Solutions for Traffic and Transportation Issues

On Monday, students from the Marshall Fundamental School in Pasadena presented their solutions to real life traffic and transportation issues to engineers, transportation planners, Pasadena City Representatives, and transportation-focused individuals in the Metro Board Room. This event was a collaborative effort put on by multiple Metro Departments including Transit Safety Programs, and Planning and Environmental Compliance/Sustainability.

Some of the students focused on creating improvements near their school while others focused on big ideas. The projects presented ranged from creating bike share apps, student Uber apps to additional crosswalks and upgrading some of the existing bus signs. Metro Board Member and Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger spoke to the students encouraging them to look at multiple opportunities and

reminded them that they have the ability to make a difference.

The top ten projects were presented to the judges and five projects were awarded for: most sustainable, most innovative, most likely to be implemented, best paper and best presenter.

Community Meetings for the 710 Corridor Bike Path Project

This week, Metro hosted three community meetings to share information and gather input on three proposed bike paths as part of the I-710 Corridor Bike Path Project. This project is kicking off its environmental studies this summer and aims to serve bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit riders traveling within the I-710 corridor by increasing connectivity to the LA River, Rio Hondo Bike Trail, and Metro's Blue and Green Lines. The meetings were held in Long Beach, Compton, and South Gate and gathered residents, community stakeholders, bicycle advocacy groups, and local agencies. More information regarding this project can be found by visiting the project webpage, [here](#).

Lively Community Open House at Groundwork Coffee at Lankershim Depot

Last Saturday, Metro Joint Development hosted a lively and engaging Community Open House at the new Groundwork Coffee at the Lankershim Depot next to our North Hollywood Station. Approximately 80 community members attended to hear an update on the project and meet the developer team selected by the Metro Board, Trammell Crow Company and Greenland USA, to see the first renderings of the Project. Our thanks to representatives from the offices of Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Sheila Kuehl, Los Angeles City Councilmember and Metro Board Member Paul Krekorian, and the offices of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian and Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra for attending as well.

At the heart of the rapidly developing NoHo Arts District, the site has the potential to be a transformative center for the area and an iconic example of the Transit-Oriented Community approach to development. For more information on this Project and to see the presentation, please visit the project website, [here](#).



Pop-Ups to Inform Final Plans for the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Improvements

Last week, the Metro Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Improvements [project](#) team hosted pop-ups at the Station bus plaza in an effort to reconnect with the Willowbrook station users and highlight the many improvements planned for this busy station. Our vintage 1950's "Rosa Parks" bus made an appearance, and more than a dozen staff members were on hand to answer questions about the project and show off latest project renderings.

Metro is putting the finishing touches on the plans for the Metro Blue and Green Line Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station improvements. These plans and significant upgrades include:

- Improved lighting and signage

- Renovated bus platforms
- An expanded mezzanine to improve transfers between the Blue and Green Lines
- A new civic plaza with a Metro Bike Hub and Customer Service/Transit Security Center
- New artwork
- Enhanced connections to surrounding destinations.

More photos from this pop-up event can be viewed on Metro's Flickr stream, [here](#).



Procurement Postings

Forklifts (IFB)

Metro will release Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Forklifts. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, April 18, 2017 through Friday, August 25, 2017.

This procurement is for three (3) forklifts to replace existing one in the current fleet that has exceeded its useful life.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aryani L. Guzman, Assistant Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

USC/Rams Barricades (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure USC/RAMS Barricades. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, April 17, 2017 through Friday, August 25, 2017.

This procurement is for barricades for all of the USC/RAMS games.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aryani L. Guzman, Assistant Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

ExpressLanes Back Office System (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit qualified Contractors to provide Back Office Services including; the design, development, testing, installation, and maintenance of a complete and integrated back office system that meets the requirements of the Metro ExpressLanes. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 17, 2017 to November 30, 2017.

Metro will seek proposals from qualified professional and technical firms for implementing and maintaining all back office systems required to support the Metro ExpressLanes.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Adrian Ziemer, Sr. Mgr., Contracts Administration at (213) 922-1109.

Sepulveda Pass Transit Feasibility Study And Technical Compendium (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a qualified contractor to provide professional services for the Sepulveda Pass Transit Feasibility Study and Technical Compendium. The procurement process

blackout period is expected to run from April 17, 2017 through September 7, 2017.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified contractor to perform a Transit Feasibility Study and compile a Technical Compendium (Study) for the Sepulveda Pass Transit Corridor. The contractor will be tasked with identifying and analyzing fixed guideway transit concepts that include various transit modes, horizontal and vertical alignments, station locations, termini, support facilities and operating parameters. The intent of this Study is to clarify the design features and overall feasibility of potential fixed guideway transit solutions, based on new information gathered about the corridor environment and integration with existing or planned Metro facilities.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lily Lopez, Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 922-4639.

Alternator - Engine 24V, 500A (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure alternators. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, April 18, 2017 through Thursday, August 31, 2017.

This procurement is for the purchase of 24V, 500A, belt drive engine alternators that are needed to maintain the fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. 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.

Alternator - Engine 24V, 50DN (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure alternators. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, April 18, 2017 through Thursday, August 31, 2017.

This procurement is for the purchase of 24V, 50DN, 270 belt drive engine alternators that are needed to maintain the fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. 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.

First Aid Supplies and Automatic External Defibrillator Program Medical Director Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure First Aid Supplies and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Program Medical Director Services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, April 19, 2017 through Thursday, August 31, 2017.

Metro will procure the services of a qualified firm to replace and update supplies in approximately seventy-five (75) first aid cabinets throughout the Agency and to provide the services of a licensed physician to act as the AED Program Medical Director in overseeing the Agency's AED program to ensure compliance with regulations.

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.

Division 2 Transportation Building Roof Replacement (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Division 2 Transportation Building Roof Replacement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, April 14, 2017, through Friday, June 30, 2017.

Metro is seeking a contractor to replace the roofing system at the Division 2 Transportation Building, located at 720 East 15th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Josie Mellen, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1105.

Purple Line Extension Section 3 Tunnels - Design/Build (RFQ/RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Qualifications / Request for Proposals (RFQ/RFP) for the Purple Line Extension Section 3 Tunnels Project– Design/Build. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, April 19, 2017 through Thursday, March 1, 2018.

The Design/Build project is for construction of twin-bored tunnel construction and cross passages for the heavy rail transit subway extension of the existing Purple Line. The Project will extend the tunnels of the heavy rail subway Purple Line approximately 2.59-miles from the future terminus of the Century City / Constellation Station to the future Westwood / VA Hospital Station. The Section 3 alignment extends beneath the City of Los Angeles, Caltrans property (I-405), Los Angeles County and VA Hospital property. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement.

Work under this contract will include final design and construction of all elements of the Project, twin-bored tunnel construction and cross passages, utility relocations, ground improvement, building protection, tail track exit shaft, staging area and station support of excavation walls. The Westside Purple line Extension Project – Section 3 contracting approach was approved by the Board on January 19, 2017 (Agenda Number: 24).

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Albert Soliz, Senior Manager, Contract Administration at (213) 418-3110.

Metro Bus, Rail & Facilities License to Sell and Display Advertising (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a contractor to be granted License to Sell and Display Advertising on Metro's Bus and Rail Vehicles and selected Metro Facilities. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, April 20, 2017 through Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

Metro is seeking experienced Contractor(s) to sell and display advertising on the Metro Bus and Rail System, as well as selected Metro Facilities. The Contractor shall leverage Metro's vast capital assets and market reach to exercise industry-standard methodologies (printed media) in the interim, quickly transitioning to innovative next-generation methodologies (digital media and new technology) in order to maximize advertising potential, generate annual revenue for the agency, improve the appearance of Metro facilities, and enhance transit rider experience.

Metro seeks to work with partner(s), identified through this RFP process, who will build a foundation enabling Metro to take advantage of the rapidly changing out of home advertising industry – led by technology. Metro has not established a network for the sole purpose of digital advertising, and seeks a comprehensive and holistic approach to digital, next generation, and immersive advertising for the Metro System.

The quality and innovativeness of Metro's advertising and customer information displays, as well as the overall appearance of its transit assets should be reflective of Los Angeles County's status as the media capital of the world.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by James Nolan, Principal Contracts Administrator at (213) 922-7312.

Construction Notices: Purple Line Extension Project, I-5

Purple Line Extension Project: Decking Construction Takes a Break

In observance of the Easter Holiday, there will be no decking work at Wilshire/Fairfax this weekend April

14-16. All streets will remain open. Fairfax Decking will start Phase 2: Wilshire/Fairfax Intersection, next weekend April 21, 2017.

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

"The seasons do not push one another; neither do clouds race the wind across the sky.
All things happen in their own good time "

- Dan Millman

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