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Celebrating 25 Years of Metro Red Line Subway

Our very own Metro Heavy Rail Line underground system celebrates 25 years of service today. The Red Line opened to the public in January 1993 with the first segment, a 4.4 mile system from Union Station to MacArthur Park. Over the years with much success, the Metro Red Line added various extensions until reaching Universal City and North Hollywood in 2000 making it a 17.4 mile state-of-the-art subway system here in Los Angeles.

I was happy to celebrate this historic achievement with Metro Board Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Metro Board Members Hilda Solis, Paul Krekorian, John Fasana, James Butts and Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, a host of former Rapid Transit District and County Transportation Commission Board Members, elected official offices and family members of former Congressman Julian Dixon and former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. Additionally, it was my pleasure to introduce a group of current Metro employees who were a part of the startup for operations 25 years ago. Ms. Josie Robles, Metro Rail Operations Supervisor was with us to deliver remarks on behalf of this group of employees.

The Red Line has connected downtown Los Angeles, with Mid-Cities, Koreatown, Hollywood, Universal City and north Hollywood and will soon connect to West LA including the UCLA and Veterans Affairs campus'. I

am delighted to see our vast rail network connect communities throughout the region as we improve mobility for our patrons in LA County.

Once again, thank you to everyone that worked hard to make the Red Line a reality. We now look toward the next 25 years and more to provide first class transportation service for the region.

For more information and pictures of the event visit The Source [here](#).



Metro Division 15 and Division 8 Display True Teamwork

I got a chance to get out of the office with some of the Senior Leadership Team to pay a visit to Chatsworth Division 8 and Sun Valley Division 15. As you know, Southern California suffered a few major fires last month with the Creek Fire affecting Metro the most. On Tuesday, December 5, 2017, the fire spread swiftly throughout the San Fernando Valley prompting thousands to evacuate. One of those voluntary evacuations took place at bus division 15 in Sun Valley.

As soon as Operations staff became aware of the fire line approaching the Division, staff immediately mobilized to ensure that our workforce was accounted for and had a plan for safely evacuating. All equipment needed to continue Metro service was transferred to the nearest safest location and the appropriate utility shutoffs took place. Safety, service and reliability were at the forefront of these efforts as both Transportation and Maintenance worked as a team to move an entire Bus Division comprised of over 500 staff members and over 250 buses to Division 8 in Chatsworth. Staff quickly got to work making necessary service changes, notifications of detours and service delays and other important work to assist our customers.

Many factors including the commitment to excellence in service and support all played vital roles in the success of safely evacuating Division 15 and its routes to Division 8 within hours and still making the next scheduled roll-out, along with required maintenance activities. This was very impressive and we are fortunate that Division 15 was not one of over 200 buildings burned in the area. Much praise goes to Division 15 Transportation Director Maria Reynolds, Maintenance Manager Eric Knutzen, along with their outstanding team of supervisors, operators and mechanics for their work in keeping Metro and our customers safe. Lastly,

thank you very much to Division 8 for welcoming, accommodating and assisting Division 15 staff -- proving that this was in fact a true team effort.



Next Step: More for LA - 2017 Report to the Communities of LA County

Metro has officially released the 2017 Annual Report to the Community titled, "Next Step: More for LA." This year's report focuses on the accomplishments of the agency in 2017 – and there were many. The report discusses our progress on planning and construction projects, how we are embracing technology and innovation, improvements in our operations and security programs, career pathways and workforce initiatives, and how Metro is positively impacting the environment and the economy through the implementation of Measure M and the 28 by 2028 initiative. The report is available to the public on the home page of our Metro webpage, [here](#).

Purple Line Extension Tour with Beverly Hills City Officials

Yesterday, I hosted Beverly Hills Mayor Lili Bosse and Councilmember John Mirisch on a tour of the Purple Line Extension La Brea Station currently under construction. Beverly Hills will be home to two Purple Line Stations – Wilshire/La Cienega Station on Section 1 that is also currently under construction as well as Wilshire/Rodeo Station on Section 2 that is in pre-construction.

This was an opportunity for these local officials to learn first-hand the complexity of building an underground station and our commitment to delivering this project for Los Angeles County. I am hopeful that the tour will produce positive results as we continue to work with the City of Beverly Hills throughout the duration of this project.



Life Underground Art Exhibition Coming to Los Angeles Union Station

As part of the agency's and the Metro Red Line's 25th Birthday this year, Metro is pleased to partner with filmmaker Hervé Cohen to bring a new "Life Underground" art exhibition to Los Angeles Union Station January 30 to February 5. The immersive media installation and interactive web documentary features subway rider stories from across the globe. Our Metro Red Line is one of 13 city subway systems featured, and the only one in the United States. Four different L.A. subway rider stories are featured in the series. The free temporary multimedia installation will be on view in the station's historic ticketing hall from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. I'd like to thank our Metro Arts & Design Program for continuing to enrich our customers' transit experience with arts and cultural programs here at our county's largest public transportation hub.



King County, Washington Delegation Visits Metro

I was delighted to welcome a delegation from King County Department of Transportation - Metro Transit Division (King County Metro) to LA County Metro. The public transit authority of King County, Washington, is undergoing a transition next year from the Department of Transportation to its own independent transportation agency and they were interested in learning about our agency. Specifically, they wanted to look at our structure, performance management, and our vision and goals for the agency. Additionally, they were interested in how Metro was adapting and preparing for emerging mobility services and what steps we may be taking to integrate these new technologies.

The delegation had an opportunity to meet with some of our Senior Leadership Team and Executives to discuss various topics such as the TAP and fare payment technologies, shared mobility and autonomous vehicles, zero-emission buses and other important topics. Metro staff was happy to provide them with a tour of our newest bus division, Division 13, as well as our heavy rail maintenance yard at Division 20. I want to thank our partners at King County Metro for reaching out to us to learn about the incredible we all do here at LA Metro. A special thanks to Government Relations Senior Manager Marisa Yeager for hosting this delegation and many thanks to all the Metro staff that provided their time to help our transportation partners as they begin their new path as a separate agency in King County, Washington.

Next Stop: Retirement

As we close out the month of January, I want to recognize employees retiring who have served at Metro for more than 15 years. This is truly an accomplishment that each of them should be very proud of. On behalf of the agency, I thank them for their commitment to providing excellence in service and support, and wish them all the very best in their next chapter of life.

Duc Banh	Bus Operator	20.5 Years
Kermit Duell	Bus Operator	24 Years
Gary Felix	Sr. Rail EMI	38 Years
Tinh-Tao Fong	Maintenance Specialist	16.75 Years
Barnardo Gamboa	Bus Operator	20.5 Years
Jose V. Joson	Bus Operator	20.5 Years
Rodel D. Pareja	Transit Security Officer II	24 Years

Procurement Postings

Static Inverter APS/LVPS Assembly Overhaul (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking proposals from qualified firms to perform overhaul services for the Gold Line P2550 Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Static Inverter APS/LVPS. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, January 25, 2018 through Friday, June 1, 2018.

This procurement is to provide services to overhaul upgrade and restore the P2550 Static Inverter APS/LVPS Assembly kits used on the Metro Gold Line P2550 Passenger LRVs. There is one (1) Static Inverter APS/LVPS per P2550 car for fifty (50) cars plus spares for a total of up to fifty-two (52) kits. The Contractor is required to pick-up, overhaul and upgrade, test, inspect, deliver, and warrant the static inverter APS/LVPS assembly kits in accordance with the specifications in the solicitation.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Mona Ismail, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7376.

Transmission Kit - Master Overhaul (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure Transmission kit - MASTER, OVERHAUL, B400R, DYNEX, TID 3. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, January 30, 2018 through Friday, June 1, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of Transmission Kits required to maintain the bus 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 Mona Ismail, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7376.

Project Management Executive Recruitment (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure Professional Recruitment Services for Program Management. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Business only.**

The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from January 29, 2018 through March 30, 2018.

Metro is initiating a significant expansion with numerous programs and is seeking the services of a recruiter (Consultant) to assist it 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 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 Annie Duong, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3048.

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Support Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a consultant that shall provide Staff Augmentation Services to support Metro's Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Department (ECSD) as an extension of staff in managing and supporting environmental compliance, environmental services, project delivery and other administrative support services (as required). The consultant's team shall become part of a fully integrated environmental team working with Metro in the project field offices on an as-needed basis at the direction of Metro.

The resultant Contract, if awarded, will be federally and state/locally funded, and is subject to fiscal year funding FY19 through FY 22 The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 5, 2018 through June 16, 2018.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Daniel A. Robb, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7074.

Construction Notices: Crenshaw/LAX Project, Regional Connector, I-5

Crenshaw/LAX Project: Temporary Green Line Station Closures

Starting on January 26, 2018, and continuing for 71 days, Metro's contractor, Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors began the rail tie-in connection between the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project and the existing Metro Green Line. The work requires the powering-down of five stations on the Green Line. The entirety of the work is expected to last for 71 days, resuming rail service at 3:00 am on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

The following five stations on the Green Line will be powered-down; Aviation/LAX, Mariposa, El Segundo, Douglas, and Redondo Beach Stations. A free Green Line shuttle service from the Hawthorne/Lennox station will provide replacement service to the affected stations during the operation and will aim to maintain comparable headways when possible. Connection service will be maintained at all existing stations served by the free shuttle between Hawthorne/Lennox and Redondo Beach stations.

Regional Connector: Full Weekend Closures for TBM Retrieval at 4th/Flower St Intersection

Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) will begin efforts to retrieve the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) at the 4th St and Flower St intersection.

Traffic reconfiguration began on Saturday, January 13. One thru traffic lane will be maintained.

Full weekend closures of 4th/Flower intersection are anticipated to begin at 7:00 pm Friday through 5:00 am Monday the following weekends:

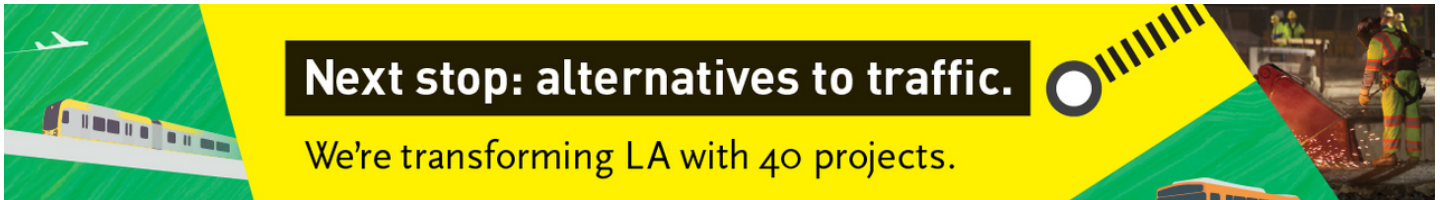
- February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018
- March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

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

"Don't count the days, make the days count."

- Muhammad Ali

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