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2016 WTS-LA Scholarship and Awards Gala

On Wednesday, I joined Metro staff at the Los Angeles chapter of Women's Transportation Seminar's Scholarship and Awards Dinner. Metro's own Chief Planning and Development Officer Therese McMillan and LAWA CEO Deborah Flint served as Masters of Ceremony for the evening. After acknowledging the scholarship winners, the dinner lauded Metro in two major categories, starting with Executive Officer of DEOD Miguel Cabral, who was given the Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award for his robust efforts of inclusion for small businesses and disadvantaged workers. Shortly after, Senior Manager of Transportation Planning Avital Shavit received the Innovative Transportation Solutions Award on behalf of the agency for the development of our new Metro Bike Share program. The program, developed in conjunction with the City of Los Angeles, was awarded for excellence and for extraordinary cooperation between Metro and the City of LA. Congratulations to the awardees for showing the talent, cooperative spirit and foresight that help Metro provide excellence in service and support.



Metro Hosts First Pre-Solicitation Meet and Greet Session

On Tuesday, I delivered some opening remarks at Metro's First Pre-Solicitation Meet and Greet Session for Program Management Support Services to over 240 business owners. The purpose of this effort was to support and prepare small, medium, large, certified and non-certified businesses to take advantage of the various business related opportunities that Metro offers. In this particular session, the RFP for Program Management Support Services, due for release November 21st, was the central focus. As an example of Metro's emphatic determination to increase small business participation, certified DBE's were invited to host resource tables showcasing their business acumen. In my presentation to the audience in the Board Room, Prime contractors and other businesses were encouraged to network with each other for possible future joint ventures, partnerships or sub-contracting opportunities. Thank you to Chief Program Management Officer Rick Clarke and his team for this innovative approach to small business inclusion and kudos to the staff of DEOD for hosting an exemplary event.

Metro's #EatShopPlay Campaign Supports Purple Line Extension & C/LAX Businesses

Also on Tuesday, Metro's #EatShopPlay campaign was busy supporting impacted businesses in the Purple Line Extension (PLE) and Crenshaw/LAX Extension (C/LAX) construction project-areas. Near Wilshire & La Brea, staff invited the local community to a Taco Tuesday lunch at [Pata Salada](#), the area's newest eatery. [Gravity x Catalyst](#) also came by to promote their unique line of clothing and hand-made jewelry. Across town, C/LAX staff co-hosted a special event for Gogobot.com food bloggers at [Mexicano](#) near Crenshaw & MLK, who served up gourmet authentic Mexican cuisine that received rave reviews online and on social media. Kudos to Metro's Construction Relations team for coming up with creative mitigations for impacted businesses.



In the Kitchen with Pata Salada

Metro Hosts Link US Community Meeting/Open House

On Tuesday, Metro hosted a community meeting at Casa Italiana in downtown Los Angeles to provide the public with an update on the status of the Link Union Station (Link US) project. Link US is designed to meet the long-term regional rail needs of Los Angeles Union Station by allowing the station to function more efficiently and by providing a better overall passenger experience. Approximately 25 people attended, including representatives from Metro Director and Los Angeles City Council Member Paul Krekorian's office, Council Member Gil Cedillo's office, Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council, Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council, Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), Little Tokyo Business Improvement District, Chinese Historical Society, and many others. The meeting also included an Open House that featured display boards providing information on the proposed project, the expanded concourse, and the alternatives currently under study, as well as information booths staffed by CA High Speed Rail and Metrolink. The project is underway with a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/EIR) and is currently in the Alternatives Analysis phase. [Click here](#) to visit the project website for more information.



Behind the Scenes of ONE | Fitness

We are proud to announce that the Grand Opening of the Metro Employee Fitness Center will take place on Thursday, December 1 from 8:30am to 2pm. Located on P1, our new on-site facility will exclusively serve Metro employees seeking to make health and wellness fit seamlessly into their daily routine. The center will be open and available to Metro employees Monday through Friday, from 6am to 8pm, and will provide a wide variety of exercise classes and equipment to accommodate every level of physical fitness. Conveniently located next to the elevator, the 3,000 square foot facility features a studio for group or virtual classes, as well as space for cardio equipment and free weights. New showers and daily lockers will also be provided on-site so that exercise routines can become convenient and accessible for all employees. Special thanks to Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, John Flores, for leading this effort.



Procurement Postings

Program Management Support Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Program Management Support Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 21, 2016 through July 31, 2017.

Metro requires a Program Management Support Services Contractor (PMC) to assist the Program Management Department in managing and supporting delivery of Metro's Capital Program. The Program Management Department is responsible for the delivery of the large transportation capital program at Metro.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Zachary Munoz, Senior Manager Contract Administration at (213) 922-7301.

Metro Employee Empowerment and Engagement Survey (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services for an employee empowerment and engagement survey. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 21, 2016 through January 30, 2017.

The Metro Office of Extraordinary Innovation seeks professional services to design, implement, and analyze the results of an agency-wide employee survey.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ben Calmes, Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 922-7341.

In-Ground Heavy Duty Hydraulic Lifts Parts, Repair and Training (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) seeking a qualified firm to provide parts, training, and as-needed labor to repair and maintain 151 in-ground heavy-duty hydraulic lifts for buses at the Metro Bus Operating Divisions and Central Maintenance Facility. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, November 21, 2016 through Saturday, December 31, 2016.

Metro's represented labor employees are the first responders to all hydraulic lift inquiries. If repairs cannot be addressed by Metro's represented labor employees, Metro's division staff will contact the FM Trouble desk to request Contractor support.

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.

Construction Notices - I-5

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

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

~ Jane Goodall

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