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We are Fully Funded to Extend the Metro Purple Line to Century City

On Wednesday, we held a wonderful ceremony to announce the signing of the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) for the Westside Purple Line Extension (WPLE) – Section 2 to Century City. I joined Metro Chair John Fasana, Metro Vice Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Metro Second Vice Chair and Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, and Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont Walker in welcoming U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx and Acting Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Carolyn Flowers to the site of the future Century City Station where the ceremony took place. Secretary Foxx praised Los Angeles County for leading the way in transportation infrastructure investment. I was proud to announce that work is getting done here in Los Angeles County because of the talent and work ethic here at Metro - the best in world.

The FTA recommended an FFGA for the WPLE Section 2 in the amount of \$1.187 billion and approved a \$307 million TIFIA loan. Section 2 of the WPLE will extend this heavy rail line from the future Wilshire/La Cienega Station another 2.6 miles to future stations in Beverly Hills and Century City at a total cost of \$2.5 billion. This funding also goes to the procurement of 20 new heavy rail cars.

I want to thank all Metro Board Members and their staff for their exceptional support as we have worked together to advance an unprecedented three active FFGA's for Los Angeles County: the Regional Connector, the WPLE Section 1, and now the WPLE Section 2 projects. I want to also extend my appreciation to U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx and Acting FTA Administrator Carolyn Flowers for their continuous support of the work we are doing here in LA County and for working hard to ensure this FFGA moved forward in a deliberate and effective manner.



Metro Welcomes New Board Members

With the New Year we have a few new Board Members joining the Metro Board of Directors. Longtime Los Angeles County Supervisors and Metro Board Members Don Knabe and Michael Antonovich have been termed out in their Supervisorial seats and replaced by Janice Hahn and Kathryn Barger respectively. Also, confirmed last night, City of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia will be taking over for Lakewood Councilmember Diane DuBois as the representative for the Southeast Corridor/Long Beach Sector of the County of Los Angeles. Please join me in welcoming them to our Board where I am confident they will be incredible leaders as we continue to build the greatest multi-modal transportation system in world, improve air quality and help relieve traffic congestion across LA County.

Metro's BIF and BSC Celebrate Achievements

Metro's Pilot Business Interruption Fund (BIF) and the Pilot Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Business Solution Center (BSC) continue to support small business communities as Metro builds for the future.

Metro's BIF has successfully awarded more than 300 grants exceeding \$6.1 million to small "mom and pop" businesses along the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project; Purple Line Extension, Phase 1; as well as the Little Tokyo area and 2nd/Broadway segment of the Regional Connector. The BIF recently achieved a significant milestone through the award of more than \$1 million in BIF grants to small "mom and pop" businesses in the Little Tokyo area of the Regional Connector. As part of the BIF's Community Footprint, please click [here](#) to view a feature of Little Tokyo business grantee, Mitsuru Café, as published on The Source. For more information about the BIF and to view the schedule for the winter 2017 BIF workshop series, visit metro.net/bif.

Metro's BSC has headed into the third year of operations and continues to strive to provide support services to small and micro businesses along the Crenshaw/LAX corridor. Metro's BSC has provided support services to more than 300 businesses through focused services, referrals to expert professionals and workshops such as "Building Your Brand," "Salon Management for Barbers & Stylists," "Get Your Business Online" in partnership with Google, and many others. To view a recent story on The Source highlighting the BSC's achievements and positive impacts in the community, click [here](#).

Procurement Postings

West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Transit-Oriented Development Strategic Implementation Plan (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the professional services of a Contractor to prepare a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) strategic implementation plan. This solicitation is open to

Metro Certified Small Businesses only. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, January 11, 2017 through Thursday, June 1, 2017.

The purpose of this procurement is to prepare a holistic land use and economic development TOD strategy for the 14 communities along the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Transit Corridor.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ana Rodriguez, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1076.

MTA Fire Protection System Upgrade Design/Build (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for MTA Fire Protection System Upgrade Design/Build. The Project Labor Agreement will apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from January 5, 2017 through May 31, 2017.

Metro is soliciting for design-build proposals for the partial replacement of the existing fire sprinkler system at the Metro Union Station Gateway (USG) Building in Downtown Los Angeles. Many of the fire sprinkler pipes in the building have been corroding over the years and the fire pumps and diesel engines are at the end of their useful life. This project will include the demolition and replacement of existing corroded fire sprinkler pipes and associated fire sprinkler heads and the complete replacement of the fire pumps, diesel engines, controllers, and exhaust silencers in the building. In addition, this project includes the installation of a nitrogen corrosion mitigation system to inhibit further pipe corrosion, and all other work as described in the Contract Documents. Testing, commissioning, startup and final acceptance shall occur thereafter.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Rafael Vasquez, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3036.

Armored Vault Truck (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Armored Vault Truck. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, January 6, 2017 through Friday, April 28, 2017.

This procurement is for one (1) armored vault truck to replace existing one in the current fleet to support bus and rail operations.

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.

Fairview Heights Station Joint Development Opportunity (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking proposals from qualified developers for the Fairview Heights Station Joint Development Opportunity. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from January 10, 2017 through August 31, 2017.

Metro is seeking proposals from qualified developers to plan, design, finance, construct, and operate real estate development projects on County-owned land around the future Fairview Heights Station along the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Brian Selwyn, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4679

Expo Crenshaw Station Joint Development Opportunity (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking proposals for the Expo/Crenshaw Station Joint Development Opportunity. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from January 10, 2017 through August 31, 2017.

Metro is seeking proposals from qualified developers to plan, design, finance, construct, and operate real estate development projects on Metro and County-owned land around the future Expo/Crenshaw Station along the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may

only be answered by Brian Selwyn, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4679.

Construction Notices: Purple Line, Regional Connector - I-5

Metro Purple Line Extension Project: Lane Reductions -- Wilshire/Fairfax Intersection

Starting Saturday, January 7th – Monday, January 9th, pile installation will continue on the south side of Wilshire Blvd. and Fairfax Ave.

This work calls for piling work within the Wilshire/Fairfax intersection, and will require Fairfax Ave. lane reductions over the weekends. There will also be intermittent lane reductions on Wilshire Blvd.

Regional Connector Transit Project: Lane Reductions for Paving -- 6th Street/Flower Street

Paving work will take place at the intersection of 6th St. and Flower St. in Downtown Los Angeles. Work is slated to begin Saturday, January 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., weather permitting.

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

“Whatever good things we build end up building us.”

~ Jim Rohn

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