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Retirement of Harriet the Tunnel Boring Machine

Today, I joined Metro Chair John Fasana, Metro Board Member and Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, President and CEO of J.F. Shea Co. Peter Shea, Jr. and Senior Transportation Program Specialist for the FTA Ray Tellis to celebrate the retirement of Harriet, our Crenshaw/LAX Line tunnel boring machine. This is a fantastic milestone we have reached that keeps this project moving on schedule as it currently stands at just over sixty percent complete.

Harriet began her journey on April 26, 2016 and traveled over 5,200 feet from the Crenshaw/Expo to Leimert Park station. In October 2016, Harriet broke through the Leimert Park Station box completing the first tunnel. Then, on November 29, 2016, Harriet started to mine the last tunnel to Leimert Park and broke through this month, April 2017. The 950-ton, 400-foot-long TBM advanced an average of 60 feet a day through soil and rock under Crenshaw Boulevard; so this is a much-deserved retirement for our great tunnel boring machine, Harriet.

We are continuing to work toward an opening of this rail line in the fall of 2019. We are also in the midst of designing the future 96th Street Station, which will be the gateway to LAX for transit riders on Metro Rail and area buses. When the Crenshaw/LAX line opens in 2019, it will change how people from South Los Angeles commute to work, school, shopping and entertainment. This project is further proof that the transit revolution and mobility options are alive and thriving in Los Angeles County.



Honoring One of Our Own

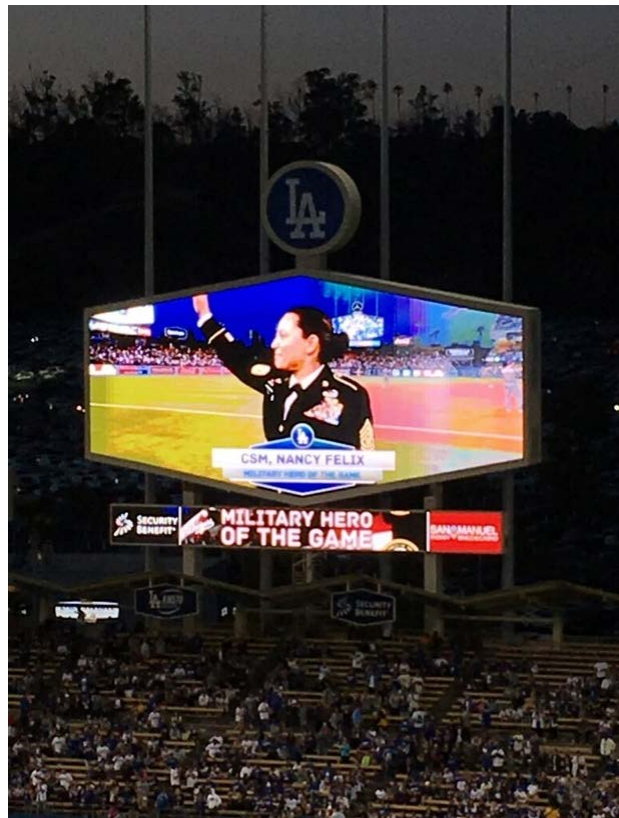
Last Friday, the Los Angeles Dodgers hosted the Arizona Diamond Backs in front of a sold-out crowd. During the game, the entire stadium was honored to salute Metro's Principal Contract Administrator and Go Vets program's spokesperson Nancy Felix for her service and commitment to our Nation as a member of the United States Army.

Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Felix joined the California Army National Guard in 1995. She continued her service at Aerosafe in 2002 defending the security of Americans and all passengers at U.S. airports post-9/11. Since 9/11, CSM Felix has served the Army in many capacities. She was deployed to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom II in 2004 where her unit received The Combat Action Batch Award for their bravery and courage in the line of fire. She was also deployed to Kosovo to serve in Operation Enduring Freedom XI in 2008, ensuring that the military contract needs were met for our soldiers in battle. Since 2010, Ms. Felix has worked with the Joint Task Force of the Department of Homeland Security once again protecting the safety and security of our airports and borders.

In 2014, Ms. Felix was promoted to First Sergeant. Then, in 2016, she was promoted to the grade of E-9 and selected for assignment to Command Sergeant Major -- the highest enlisted rank. She continues to mentor and support soldiers and non-commissioned officers of a Special Troops Battalion located near Long Beach, CA. Despite her 21 years of decorated service with the U.S. Army -- she is a humble leader who leads her soldiers with actions and by example.

CSM Felix was born in Compton, CA and raised in Burbank -- the first daughter of proud immigrant parents. She attended John Burroughs High School and received a Master's Degree in Business from the University of Southern California (USC) in 2014.

I am proud to have CSM Felix here with the Metro family working in the procurement department on the Regional Connector Transit Project. She is also the spokeswoman for Metro's VetsGo511 campaign to promote Metro's commitment to our veteran men and women.



Transportation, Maintenance and Logistics Staff Recognized for Employee of the Month

At this month's System Safety, Security and Operations Committee we recognized three operations employees of the month for Transportation, Maintenance and Logistics.

The Transportation Employee of the Month award was presented to Mr. Larry Jarman, Gold Line Train Operator. Mr. Jarman has been with Metro for 45 years, beginning his career in 1972. He is an exemplary train operator with a positive attitude toward his work responsibilities, co-workers and most importantly his commitment to our customers. Mr. Jarman started his career at Metro as a bus operator and later became a rail operator. On numerous occasions he has demonstrated his goal to provide a level of customer service that far exceeds the standard expectations. He takes pride in giving his customers a smooth ride whether it is a train or bus. He enjoys helping out-of-town and first-time Metro riders navigate over the multiple rail and bus lines often times providing enhanced passenger announcements during the trip. He is one of a very small group of rail operators who have worked on the Blue, Green, Red and Gold Lines.

The Maintenance Employee of the Month award was presented to Mr. Fred Vincelet, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor at Central Maintenance Facility. Mr. Vincelet is a 42 year employee, who started with Metro in 1975. After spending 23 ½ years as a mechanic, he opted to become an Equipment Maintenance Supervisor and was promoted in March of 1999. His willingness to pass on his knowledge and experience is only surpassed by his untiring work ethic. Although computer work is mandatory to his craft, he is most often found on the shop floor providing guidance to the employees he leads. Never taking an "it can't be done" attitude, he seeks new and innovative ways to tackle difficult or new found problems. Parts issues, technical challenges and new products or techniques never deter him from accomplishing Midlife's, as well as Metro's mission – To Provide Excellence in Service and Support. Under Mr. Vincelet's leadership, Central Maintenance Shops successfully finished the Articulated Bus Series (9200s - 9500s) Midlife Program in February of 2017. His steadfast guidance sifted through many challenges and created new work procedures, resulting in an improved and more efficient Artic Midlife process. Lastly, he challenges his crew daily to maintain Metro's fleet in the highest State of Good Repair as possible.

The Logistics Employee of the Quarter award was presented to Mr. Kenneth Munroe, Stock Clerk at Division 15. Mr. Munroe has been with Metro for 18 years, beginning his career in 1999. He is a hardworking and motivated stock clerk. Mr. Munroe is a huge asset to this division and is well deserving and overdue of this recognition. He is directly responsible for daily incoming material processing into the division from different stocking locations. He has shown that he goes beyond the call of duty. When it comes to finding the right material for mechanics, he takes pride in his craft to make sure the division makes daily bus roll out on time; he is very detail oriented on his approach to making sure mechanics receive the proper materials ordered. Lastly, his knowledge of bus parts is very extensive, he is very well respected and liked by his fellow mechanics as well as general maintenance personnel at all levels. Thank you for your great work Kenneth.



Metro Art Event Celebrating Poetry Month to Feature Legendary Leimert Park Poet

As part of National Poetry Month, Metro Art presents legendary Los Angeles performance poet Kamau Daáood at a free event at Union Station on Friday, April 28 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Co-founder of the World Stage Performance Gallery in Leimert Park, the award-winning Daáood has spent decades engaged with audiences locally, nationally and internationally. The author and recording artist often referred to as the word musician due to his electrifying performance style, will be joined by an impressive group of youthful poets and musicians.

The event is part of Metro Art's long-standing partnership with the Poetry Society of America, which places poetry directly in the path of more than one million Metro bus riders daily. The event will include a meet-and-greet for Crenshaw Leadership Council members to meet Daáood, an iconic artist rooted in the Crenshaw Corridor.

Other upcoming Metro Art Presents events at Union Station include a slideshow performance by "Ambassador of Americana" Charles Phoenix tonight, 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., and the remaining films in a sci-fi series with a tie to Los Angeles, the station and transit (THEM! on May 12 and HER on June 9). The first in the film series, BLADE RUNNER (April 5), was met with wild success, with over 500 in attendance.

You can find more details on [The Source](#).

Procurement Postings

Interpretation Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure interpretation (verbal) services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, April 27, 2017 through Monday, July 31, 2017.

Metro seeks the services of a firm(s) to provide verbal interpretation services during Board Meetings. The languages required for interpretation are Korean and Spanish.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Victor Zepeda at zepedav@metro.net.

Alternator - Engine 24V, 300 AMP (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure alternators. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, April 21, 2017 through Thursday, August 31, 2017.

This procurement is for the purchase of 24V, 50DN, 300 AMP belt drive engine alternators which 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.

Construction Notices: Purple Line Extension Project, I-5

Purple Line Extension Project: Utility Relocation -- Santa Fe Ave. between Palmetto St. and Willow St.
From Monday, April 24 through Friday, June 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Metro contractors will be relocating utilities on South Santa Fe Ave. between Willow St. and Palmetto St. (Monday through Friday only). The west side sidewalk along Santa Fe Ave., between Willow St. and Palmetto St. will be closed intermittently. This work is part of advanced storm drain relocation for the future Purple Line Extension Division 20 maintenance yard.

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

"Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the
chance to work hard at work worth doing."

- Theodore Roosevelt

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