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Metro Takes Security Gold at APTA Rail Conference

This past weekend, I joined Chief Systems Security and Law Enforcement Officer Alex Wiggins, Senior Executive Officer of Rail Operations Bernard Jackson and our Metro Rail Rodeo Operations team for the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) International Rail Rodeo and Rail Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Our operators and mechanics were out there in tough competition and I thank them for their great work in representing Metro. A major highlight of our participation in this years' APTA Rail Conference was Metro being named the winner of APTA's Rail Safety and Security Gold Award for Heavy Rail transit agencies.

The purpose of the APTA Rail Safety and Security Award competition is to encourage transit systems to improve their safety programs. The competition is open to all rail transit agencies in both the United States and Canada. APTA recognized Metro for system-wide security enhancements and improvements that we have only just begun such as the comprehensive multi-agency policing model, Metro's homeless initiatives and the groundbreaking efforts to reduce and prevent sexual harassment on our system. We have much more work ahead of us as we continue to strive towards a more safe and comfortable experience on our transit system.



June 2017 Operations Employees of the Month

Operations Department recognized employees from Maintenance and Transportation during yesterday's System Safety, Security and Operations Committee Meeting as the department's June employees of the Month.

The Transportation Employee of the Month award was presented to Mr. Edin Escobar, Transportation Operations Supervisor at Division 3 (Los Angeles). Mr. Escobar has been with Metro for 19 years, beginning his career in 1998. He is an admirable employee who completes tasks on time and without any need for follow-up. He is dedicated and never hesitates to go beyond what is expected of him. As an instructor, he has excelled using his extraordinary communication skills and diligence to providing excellent service. Prior to his career at Metro, Mr. Escobar served 3 years of active duty in the U.S. Army and 5 years in the California National Guard. We are proud to have him in Operations.

The Maintenance Employee of the Month award was presented to Mr. Tom Vo, Maintenance Specialist at Division 22 (Hawthorne), Metro Green Line. Mr. Vo is a 13 year employee who started with Metro in 2004. He is an exemplary employee whose troubleshooting skills have resulted in finding practical resolutions to any and all repairs on the Green Line Light Rail Vehicles. He helps to ensure greater vehicle reliability through research and communication efforts with Metro staff and our vendors. Mr. Vo's contribution helps deliver a better transit ridership experience by reducing vehicle failures on the mainline. Mr. Vo's unwavering dedication on many tasks, on various levels, has helped to provide a safe, quality, and reliable product for our customers.



Metro Art Receives Prestigious National Award

Metro Art was honored today with a prestigious Public Art award at the Americans for the Arts Annual Convention for the artwork El Aliso de Los Angeles, by Christine Ulke. The artwork is on the exterior of Division 13 Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility in downtown Los Angeles and commemorates an iconic sycamore tree that once stood for nearly 400 years just south of the building.



Metro Art Engages Communities Affected by Current Construction Projects

Being engaged and a part of the communities we serve is a top priority for Metro. The art program recently hosted a variety of events for communities affected by Metro transit projects under construction. The events included:

- Two pop-ups at Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station with the artist George Evans and artist team Jamex and Einar de la Torre sharing their past artworks and interacting with riders and community members;
- a crafting workshop at the Beverly Hills Farmers Market for the Purple Line Extension Project with community members sharing what they love about their neighborhoods;
- a visit to Metro Gateway Headquarters with students who have been mentored by one of the Crenshaw/LAX station artists;
- and, a meet-the-artist talk at a downtown Arts District nonprofit featuring artist team Benjamin Ball and Gaston Nogues sharing their concept for the future Maintenance of Way building.

There are several stories and photos posted on The Source regarding these great events that you can find in the links above and [here](#).



Inaugural Program Management Job Shadowing Session

Metro has once again demonstrated its leadership in the community by initiating and hosting its Inaugural Program Management Job Shadowing session through our Program Management Division, in partnership with the Bridge Builders Foundation in conjunction with AEG. We welcomed 22 high school students to participate in a number of workshops designed to provide practical insight into the world of business and gain an understanding of what it takes to operate an industry leading transportation and construction company. Implementation of the this Job Shadowing Program was led by Metro Chief Program Management Officer Rick Clarke, Executive Officer of Program Management/Project Controls Pauline Lee, and Manager, Third Party Administration/Program Management Alvin Trotter.

Over the course of two days, Metro engaged the students by hosting a number of workshops involving Presentation Skills, the Power of Networking, ELTP and MIP Career Ladders, and How Successful People Lead to name a few, as well as several tours. The tours included Program Management Administrative Offices, Division 13, Metro Gold Line, and the Regional Connector Project. The young scholars also had an opportunity to attend the Metro June Construction Committee Meeting and also experience a 15 minute mock job interview administered by several members of Metro upper level management designed to help the students understand the interview process and provide feedback and tips.

With the passage of Measure M, we anticipate that Metro's activities and construction operations will be responsible for over 778,000 new jobs in the greater Los Angeles area. This job shadow program is one of many ways that Metro is making innovative strides to actively engage the communities in which we do business, and also be a responsible partner in the communities we serve. Through collaborative efforts and practical educational experiences that stimulate the youth, and inform them of future opportunities that exist with Metro, we are positioned to continue to providing excellence in service and support.

Upon completion of the program, Metro Program Management held a closing ceremony and presented a Certificate of Participation in the Metro Program Management Job Shadowing Program to each student.





Bus Operator Navigates and Directs with Professionalism

Earlier this week, I received a kind letter from Ms. M. Harris commending a bus operator on Metro Local Line 2 for his outstanding and exemplary work during a busy day filled with major events and detours throughout LA City and County. Ms. Harris reported that operator John Mathews of West Hollywood Division 7 “navigated through a befuddling array of congested traffic and simultaneously fielded numerous passenger inquiries about today’s bus detours – all with professionalism and courtesy.” Being a frontline employee and engaging with the public every day is one of the most challenging jobs we have at this agency. Ms. Harris closed her letter acknowledging that our operator John Mathews has clearly met and exceeded the challenges of this important position at Metro. On behalf of Metro, I want to thank John for being a model of Providing Excellence in Service and Support.

Procurement Postings

Differential Assembly 4.89 (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Differential Assemblies. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, June 21, 2017 through Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

This procurement is for Differential Assembly 4.89 ratio, 71000 series axle is 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.

Differential Assembly 5.38 (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Differential Assemblies. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, June 21, 2017 through Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

This procurement is for Differential Assembly Carrier 5.38 Ratio 71000 Series Axle C is 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.

Dryer Assembly (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Dryer Assemblies. The procurement process

blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, June 22, 2017 through Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

This procurement for Dryer Assembly Air Sludge Breaker 24V is 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.

Live Video Monitor System for NABI Transit Buses (RFP)

Metro released Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Live Video Monitor System for NABI Transit Buses. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, June 16, 2017 through Friday, December 29, 2017.

This procurement is for five hundred and forty-two (542) video monitors to be installed in Metro's existing bus fleet to support bus operations and improve safety.

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.

Type 4 ELO 2055C Traction Motor Overhauls (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure Type 4 ELO 2055C Traction Motor Overhauls. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, June 14, 2017 through FridaySeptember 29, 2017.

The purpose of the project is to provide overhauls of traction motor assemblies for Metro's Blue Line.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Edmund Gonzales, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3073.

Backflow Device Testing, Maintenance and Repair Services (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to provide backflow device testing, maintenance, and repair service throughout Metro bus and rail transit facilities. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, June 13, 2017 through Thursday, October 5, 2017.

Metro is seeking a qualified contractor to provide backflow device testing, maintenance, and repair service throughout Metro bus and rail transit facilities. There are approximately 365 backflow devices throughout Metro facilities that require annual testing and as needed repairs, as dictated by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, the Los Angeles Fire Marshall and other authorities having jurisdiction.

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

Purple Line Extension Project: Full Closure -- Wilshire between Fairfax and Crescent Heights

Beginning Friday, June 16 at 8:00 p.m. through Monday, June 19, at 6:00 a.m. there will be a full closure of the Wilshire Blvd. between Fairfax Ave. and Crescent Heights Blvd. Westbound Wilshire will be reduced to one lane from Spaulding Dr. to San Diego Way starting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 16 to accomplish nosier activities during daytime hours. In addition, there will be intermittent lane reductions on southbound Fairfax and a sidewalk closure on the west side sidewalk of Fairfax Ave. (southbound side) to support decking of an appendage structure.

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

"The art of communication is the language of leadership."

- James Humes

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