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Metro's First Employee Talent Show Was a Success

Congratulations to all the performers at last night's first-ever Metro Talent Showcase. Chief Innovation Officer Joshua Schank served as the event emcee gracing the crowd with his humor, while DJ LexLuv & DJ Raul rocked the mic. The event was nothing short of outstanding, with over 200 Metro employees in attendance, representing our divisions and headquarters, as well as residents from the surrounding community.

I want to personally thank the following staff volunteers who dedicated their time to our Metro stars: Chief Human Capital & Development Officer Joanne Peterson, Senior Talent Development Specialist Stephanie Burke, Principal Transportation Planner Claudia Galicia, Transportation Associates Asiya Khawaja and Candyce Fabre and the entire Public Relations team. I also want to recognize the facilities team for leading the clean-up and setup of the event and the Metro Transit Security officers for keeping our guests safe. Click [here](#) for a behind-the-scenes look at last night's performances and a full video of the entire show will be available next week.



Rail Safety Orientation Tours Program Video

As part of Rail Safety Month, I would like to highlight Metro's Rail Safety Orientation Tour Program managed by our Transit Safety Programs department. The program is a hands-on learning experience offered to schools within a half-mile radius of the Blue, Expo, and Gold lines. Learning about transit safety can open up a whole new world for many students around Los Angeles County as a local 4th grade teacher explains her experience to us in the video below.



Public Workshop for Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements

On Wednesday, Metro staff hosted a public workshop for the Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) at Metro Headquarters. The workshop offered the public an opportunity to learn about the Project and the DEIR and provide public comment.

The Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements include enhanced pedestrian and bicycle connections to and from the Los Angeles Union Station, and strengthening of the connection between the station and surrounding communities. The public comment period will close on Monday,

September 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Written comments may be submitted to the project manager Elizabeth Carvajal by mail or email:

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Career Pathways to Become Transportation Leaders

Over the next few weeks, every Metro employee should be receiving a copy of the Career Pathways brochure. This is an innovative and progressive training model intended to expand knowledge and prepare employees to become transit leaders. Each step of this program builds upon another to foster a learning environment here at Metro. If you have any questions regarding the programs and/or offerings in this brochure, please contact a member of our Talent Development team at (213) 922-7111 or send an email to TalentDevelopment@metro.net.

Procurement Postings

Purple Line Section 3 Stations - Design/Build (RFQ/RFP)

Metro released a Request for Qualifications / Request for Proposals (RFQ/RFP) for the Purple Line Extension Section 3 Stations Project– Design/Build. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, September 15, 2017 through Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

The Design/Build Project is for the construction of stations, trackwork, utilities and systems for the heavy rail transit subway extension of the existing Purple Line. The Section 3 Project alignment extends beneath the City of Los Angeles, Caltrans (I-405), Los Angeles County and VA Hospital property, consisting of approximately 2.59 miles of improvements from the future Century City Constellation Station site and includes the Westwood / UCLA Station and Westwood / VA Hospital Station. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement.

Work under this contract will include final design and construction of all elements of the Project that includes below grade cut and cover station construction, station entrances, trackwork installation, all systems elements of traction power, third rail contact system, train control, and communications. The Westside Purple Line Extension Project – Section 3 contracting approach was approved by the Board on January 19, 2017 (Agenda Number: 24).

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Albert Soliz, Senior Manager, Contract Administration at (213) 418-3110.

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

Purple Line Extension Transit Project: Full Weekend Closures -- Wilshire Blvd/La Cienega

A total of 17 full weekend closures are needed to complete three phases of construction to lay the groundwork for Wilshire/La Cienega station. Under Phase 1, pile installation will require a closure of Wilshire Blvd. between La Cienega Blvd. and San Vicente Blvd. during the weekends of September 8 and September 15. Starting the first weekend of October, the remainder of the weekend closures are required for decking of the street. For the full construction notice, click the underlined title above.

Regional Connector Transit Project: Full Weekend Closures -- Flower Street between 5th and 6th Streets

Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) will continue cut and cover activities on Flower St between 5th St and 6th St. Weekend closures will start at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2017 and will remain in place

through 5:00 a.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017. The closures will continue every weekend, except on holidays, for approximately 3 months. For the full construction notice, click the underlined title above.

Regional Connector Transit Project: Full Weekend Closures -- 6th Street between Figueroa and Flower
RCC will continue DWP Power utility relocation and construction activities on 6th St between Figueroa St and Flower St. Weekend closures are anticipated to begin Friday, September 15, and will be in place weekends (except on holidays) from 9:00 p.m. Fridays to 5:00 a.m. Mondays for approximately 12 weekends. This activity will require a full closure on 6th St between Figueroa St and Flower St. For the full construction notice, click the underlined title above.

Patsouras Bus Plaza Station Project: Late Night Closures -- Vignes & Ramirez; Center St.

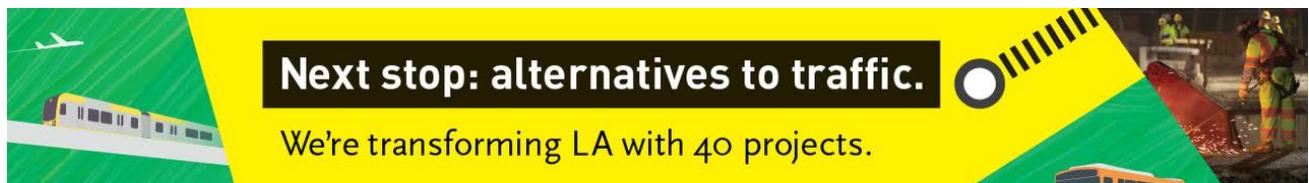
1. The intersection of Vignes St. & Ramirez St. adjacent to Patsaoras Plaza and the project construction zone will experience intermittent lane closures in all directions, Friday, September 15, 2017, late night, 9:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. During this period, construction crews perform road work in preparation for the re-opening of the northbound U.S. 101 Vignes St on/off-ramps, shortly after work is complete.
2. Center St. between Ramirez St. & Commercial St., adjacent to the project workzone, will experience a full street closure Friday, September 15, 2017, late night, 9:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.

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

"Do the difficult things while they are easy and do the great thing while they are small.
A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step."

- Lao Tzu

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