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California Transportation Commission Funds \$27 Million in Active Transportation Projects

Metro applauded the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) recent approval of \$27 million for a variety of Active Transportation Projects in Los Angeles County. The funding for these bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects is made possible by Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, which was signed into law by Governor Brown earlier this year.

A couple of the projects include:

- Norwalk's Alondra Active Transportation Improvement Project
- Palmdale's Civic Center Complete Streets Project
- Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Gap Closure in Rosemead
- And many others.

Also noteworthy, \$17 million of this funding will enable earlier delivery of projects that were slated to receive Active Transit funds in later years. Some of these projects include:

- Compton-Carson Regional Safe Bicycling and wayfinding Project
- West Santa Ana Branch Bikeway Phase 2 Project in Paramount
- The 2020 Safe Route to School Pedestrian Improvements Project in Lancaster
- And a few others.

In addition to these Active Transportation projects, local jurisdictions throughout LA County are slated to receive more than \$189 million through the Local Streets and Roads Program each year as a result of Senate Bill 1.

MicroTransit Pilot Project is on the Move

Metro released a Request for Proposal to partner with the private sector on the design and implementation of the agency's new MicroTransit Pilot Project (MTP). The new service offering will allow current and future riders to order Metro on-demand, when you want it, where you want it. Metro's Office of Extraordinary Innovation is leading the MTP, along with a team of over 50 individuals from nearly all Metro departments.

In advance of the release, Chief Innovation Officer Joshua L. Schank participated in a twitter chat and hosted a telephone town hall briefing that attracted media from across the country. Staff and leadership at the agency are excited to be advancing what the LA Times' calls a "noteworthy experiment."

For more information on the project, visit www.metro.net/microtransit.

Metro Art Young Artists Alum to Paint President Obama's Official Portrait

Artist [Kehinde Wiley](#), a Metro Art Young Artists program alum was recently commissioned by The Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery to create the official portrait of former President Barack Obama. Following the end of each presidency, the museum partners with the White House to commission two sets of official portraits of the President and First Lady that are hung in the White House and the National Portrait Gallery's world-renowned exhibition America's Presidents.

At age 17, Wiley was one of fourteen young artists selected to participate in Metro's Young Artists program initiated in the 1990s. During his time in the program, Wiley created a large-scale mural that was reproduced and placed in 2,000 buses.

A Los Angeles native now based in New York, Wiley is acclaimed for his vibrant portraits of young African Americans through large-scale painting. Read more about the artist on [The Source](#).



Second Annual Older Adult Transportation Expo

On the Move Riders Program hosted the 2nd Older Adult Transportation Expo at Union Station's Ticketing Concourse. The event was attended by 400 older adults from all parts of Los Angeles County and hosted over 20 exhibitors who provided participants with information on the various transit services available to the growing older adult population.

The event was kicked off by the great sound of DJ Mark from KJLH-102.3 FM Radio and welcoming remarks were provided by Metro Board Director Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker. The program included informational sessions by Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins, Lilly Ortiz with On the Move Riders Program and Marla Westervelt from the Office of Extraordinary Innovation. During the sessions, attendees learned about utilizing fixed route, and becoming a travel buddy.

Attendees learned about Metro's First Last Mile Strategic Plan and the measures the agency has put in place to provide safety and security to its riders. Participants were also treated to a special session with Jacqueline Chase and Grace Moremen the authors of *Loving LA the Low Carbon Way* where the authors shared the different attractions Los Angeles County has to offer via public transportation. Metro Chief Communications Officer Pauletta Tonilas culminated the event and thanked AARP for its continued support of the Older Adult Transportation Expo. This was a very successful return for this event and we look forward to next year.



Law Enforcement Meet and Greet at Union Station

Metro's Community Education Department hosted the first Law Enforcement Meet and Greet at Union Station. The event gave community members the opportunity to meet the different agencies that patrol Metro buses, trains and facilitates. Interactive informational booths were hosted by representatives from Transit Safety Programs, Los Angeles Sherriff's Department, Los Angeles Police Department, Long Beach Police Department and Metro Transit Security. Throughout the event, participants were able to win small prizes by answering rail safety and security questions. "Rude Dude" also made a special appearance to

remind the community to follow Metro's Manners when riding bus or rail.



Chinese Delegation Visits Metro Public Relations

The Metro Public Relations department hosted 17 publicity officers and news editors from Anhui Province (安徽), China who wanted to learn more about how our Public Relations department communicates with the public and media. Since the delegation spoke only Mandarin, staff had the unique challenge of providing a thorough presentation via simultaneous interpretation. The delegation learned about our award-winning social media platforms, toured Studio M and discovered how the Public Relations team works around the clock to keep employees, media and the public accurately informed.

Located east of Shanghai, Anhui Province has a population of 70 million and serves as a transportation hub for the region. The delegation is visiting Southern California to learn more about how we conduct public relations in a free society. Special thanks to DEO of Public Relations Joni Goheen and her team for doing

a phenomenal job of representing our agency to our new friends from Anhui.



Procurement Postings

Armored Vault Trucks (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Armored Vault Trucks. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, October 25, 2017 through Friday, March 30, 2018.

This procurement is for two (2) armored vault trucks to replace existing 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, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

Metro Red Line UPS Batteries Bench (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to invite Contractors to submit proposals with their qualifications for evaluation and possible participation in furnishing Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Batteries and other related services for various Metro's Red Line Stations under a Metro Bench contract. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, October 19, 2017 through Friday, March 30, 2018.

The Bench Contractors will assist Metro's Maintenance of Way Department with the various tasks as outlined in the solicitation documents.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aryani L. Guzman, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

First Last Mile Planning Foothill Gold Line Extension Phase 2B (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional services to develop the First Last Mile Planning Foothill Gold line Phase 2B. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from October 31, 2017 through February 1, 2018.

Metro is seeking professional services for First/Last mile improvements, intended to improve accessibility, safety, and aesthetics according to the methodology established in the 2014 First/Last Mile Strategic Plan and Planning Guidelines. Project will cover planning for stations on the Foothill Gold Line extension Phase 2B.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Angela Mukirae, Sr. Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-4156.

Los Angeles River Bike Path Gap Closure Technical Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a qualified Architectural and Engineering firm to perform full environmental clearance for an approximately 8 mile section of multi-use path along the Los Angeles River from Riverside Drive in the City of Los Angeles to Atlantic Boulevard in the City of Vernon. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from October 30, 2017 through April 9, 2018.

The qualified firm will perform environmental review and clearance under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and develop engineering design and specifications in concert with the environmental review process to a level sufficient to prepare the Project for construction.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lily Lopez, Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 922-4639.

Rail Ridership Forecasting Consultation (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide Rail Ridership Forecasting Consultation services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, October 25, 2017 through Friday, January 5, 2018.

The purpose of this procurement is to establish a contract with a qualified Contractor to assist in providing the necessary technical analysis and forecasts for rail ridership characteristics for specific points in time and depicting planned network changes.

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

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

Purple Line Extension Project: Weekend Closures -- Wilshire Bl. between Manhattan Pl. and Western Ave

Metro is working to connect the Purple Line Extension to the current Purple Line terminus at Wilshire/Western station. During the construction activities, Wilshire/Western station will remain open for operation.

Ongoing activities to build the connection includes utility work, pile installation, jet grouting, decking, excavation and adding instrumentation between Wilshire Bl/Manhattan Pl and Wilshire Bl/Western Av.

14 full weekend closures are anticipated to complete piling and jet grouting on Wilshire Bl, between Manhattan Pl and Western Av. Work started October 27, 2017. No closures over Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends.

Regional Connector Transit Project: Concrete Placement -- 2nd/Hope Station

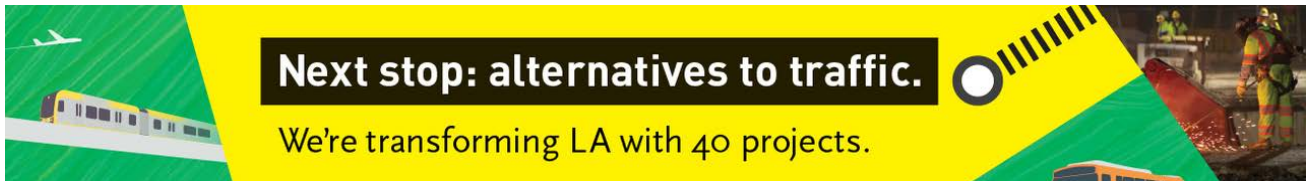
Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) will place concrete slabs at the Grand Av Arts/Bunker Hill Station to build the station's concourse level, walls and sub-floors. This two year process will advance and be scheduled intermittently with tunnel mining operations, installation of rebar, utilities and waterproofing to support the new station.

Work activities are anticipated to begin Saturday, November 4, 2017 and continue intermittently on Saturdays for approximately two years.

Anticipated work hours, weather permitting, are 3 am to 3 pm.

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

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