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Metro's 3rd Annual Veterans Luncheon

It was my pleasure to participate in Metro's 3rd Annual Metro Veterans Luncheon to honor our Metro Veterans and veterans in our community for their bravery, hard work and dedication to our country. This year's wonderful program opened with the Posting of the Colors, the singing of the National Anthem by Ashley Stanley and an invocation prayer by Chaplain Brenda Threatt. It was an honor to introduce as our guest speakers Ms. Sidonia Lax, Holocaust Survivor, and retired United States Navy Commander Darlene M. Iskra. I want to thank Metro Veterans Program Manager Dennis Tucker for organizing another successful Veterans Luncheon and our guest speakers for their positive and encouraging words for our guests.

Recognizing Veteran Small Business Owners through Metro's Pilot BIF and BSC

Metro is proud to recognize the veterans that contribute to our communities each and every day including those who play a vital role in our local and regional economy as small business owners and entrepreneurs. Through Metro's pilot Business Interruption Fund (BIF) and the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Business Solution Center (BSC), we have been able to support more than 400 "mom and pop" businesses including four veteran small business owners with businesses located within the Crenshaw community. Metro's BIF and BSC continue to provide support to small businesses and the veteran small business owners are yet another demonstration of the diverse communities that Metro has been able to support as we build for the future. We are honored to share their story about their path from military service to small business ownership.

[Click here](#) to read about their stories on The Source.



Metro's On the Move Riders Program Hosts a Travel Training 101 Course for AARP Members

In collaboration with AARP and to commemorate the one-year Anniversary of the passage of Measure M, Metro's On the Move Riders Program (OTMRP) hosted AARP members for a Travel Training 101 presentation. The day began with a presentation that was held in the Metro Board Room where guests were welcomed by Metro Community Relations Officer Lilly Ortiz and Chief Communications Officer Pauletta Tonilas. The presentation reviewed the basics of accessing public transportation, safety, and security.

Metro's Mobile Customer Care Center was also on-hand to process Senior Reduced Fare TAP applications to interested members. At the close of the presentation, attendees were given a tour where they learned about the various buses and trains serving Union Station, a hands-on experience on how to access the rail system, and learned how to utilize the ticket vending machines to load fare onto their Senior TAP cards. The attendees were very appreciative of the opportunity to learn from the experts on how to access public transportation and left the event feeling inspired to get out and on the move.





Wellness Fair and Open Enrollment Kickoff Event

The Pension & Benefits and Employee & Labor Relations departments held a successful Wellness Fair and Open Enrollment Kickoff Event. Under the direction of Jan Olsen and coordination by Jodi Stewart, approximately 500 attendees received valuable wellness information from 27 vendors, including flu shots, blood pressure, BMI and oral health testing. OneFitness gained additional memberships and led the stretching exercises in preparation for Wellness Walks.

This event brought a strong focus to improving and maintaining a healthier lifestyle and the great resources available through our health plans. SMART, ATU, TCU, and Teamsters joined in the effort and provided additional support for their members. We also appreciate the partnership with Metro Rideshare, Metro Bike Share and Eat, Shop, Play for bringing focus to additional services. Let's continue to support each other and strive to accomplish our renewed wellness and fitness goals.



Division 20 Portal Widening and Turnback Facility Scoping Meeting

Metro staff recently hosted two successful scoping meetings to provide project updates and receive community input regarding the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Division 20 Portal Widening and Turnback Facility project. The scoping meetings were held at Art Share L.A. in the Arts District and at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo, with more than fifty stakeholders in attendance.

Stakeholders from the Arts District, Downtown, and Little Tokyo communities were present. Also, representatives from the Offices of Metro Board Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Metro Board Member and LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis, Metro Board Member and LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian and LA City Councilmember Jose Huizar, were in attendance. Metro is accepting public comment for the NOP until Friday, November 17, 2017, after which staff will analyze the comments and move forward with preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

To learn more about the project and submit your comments, visit www.metro.net/capitalprojects.



Procurement Postings

MOW Air Filters (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Air Filters for all Metro underground and passenger stations. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 14, 2017 through January 31, 2018.

The Air Filters for this procurement are needed as an inventory replacement parts for the Metro Maintenance of Way (MOW). These air filters are used in all underground stations, ancillary rooms and public areas in each passenger station to supply filtered air.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Sr. Manager, Contract Administration at (213) 922-2015.

Systems Engineering and Support Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a range of Systems engineering design services, and other related services, supplementing Metro's Engineering Department's resources, in support of all Capital projects, State of Good Repair (SOGR) and Joint Venture projects for both Rail and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Engineering services will be for projects in varying stages of conceptual design, preliminary engineering, final design and/or bidding for construction and include: Program Management, Quality, and Computer Aided Design and Drafting (CADD); Design Services concerning Train Control, Communications, Traction Power, and Overhead Contact Systems (OCS); Operational Runtime Simulation and Modeling, Corrosion Control, System Integration, Facilities and System-wide Electrical, Facilities Mechanical, Facilities Plumbing, and Facilities Fire Protection and Design Services during Construction

(DSDC). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 14, 2017 thru April 6, 2018.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Diana Sogomonyan, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7243.

Freeway Beautification - I-110/I-710 Maintenance (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services for graffiti and litter removal and low level landscape maintenance along I-110 between College and Adams and I-710 area between the S-60 and I-405. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 13, 2017 through February 20, 2018.

Metro will seek proposals from qualified firms to provide landscape maintenance, graffiti abatement, and debris & litter removal along I-110 between College and Adams and I-710 area between the S-60 and I-405.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ted Sparkuhl, Principal Contracts Administrator at (213) 922-7399.

Freeway Beautification - I-10 Maintenance (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services for graffiti and litter removal and low level landscape maintenance along the parts of the I-10 corridor. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 13, 2017 through February 20, 2018.

Metro will seek proposals from qualified firms to provide landscape maintenance, graffiti abatement, and debris & litter removal along specific areas of I-10 corridor.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ted Sparkuhl, Principal Contracts Administrator at (213) 922-7399.

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Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ted Sparkuhl, Principal Contracts Administrator at (213) 922-7399.

Half-Ton Trucks (IFB)

Metro released a Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Half-ton Trucks. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, November 8, 2017 through Wednesday, March 31, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of twelve (12) Half-ton trucks to replace existing vehicles 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 Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Replacement Project (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure replacement Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, November 13, 2017 through Monday, January 29, 2018.

Metro is seeking a qualified contractor to provide replacement Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units agency wide.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Marc Margoni, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1304.

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

Purple Line Extension Project: Summary

Jet Grouting at Wilshire Blvd/Bronson Blvd

On Saturday, November 18, jet grouting activities will move to a new location on Wilshire Blvd. between Crenshaw Blvd. and Norton Ave. The work zone and closure will be established in the center lane of Wilshire Blvd. using the familiar K-rail, fencing and sound blankets. This work zone will involve the following traffic control measures:

- Wilshire Blvd. will be reduced to two lanes in each direction between Crenshaw Blvd. and Van Ness Ave. The traffic tapering will start at Lorraine Blvd. for eastbound drivers and Wilton Pl. for westbound drivers.
- Through traffic and left turns will be restricted on Bronson Ave. at Wilshire Blvd.
- Left turns will be restricted from Wilshire Blvd. to Norton Ave.
- Parking restrictions will be implemented on Wilshire Blvd. between Lorraine Ave. and Wilton Pl.
- Bus stops for lines 20/720 will be temporarily relocated. Information will be distributed and posted at the stops prior to relocation.

Jet grouting is a construction process that uses high-pressure air and grout to create a deep soil-concrete block. The purpose of jet grouting is to reinforce and strengthen the soil with concrete to support future tunneling. Each operation takes approximately 8 to 12 weeks.

Geotechnical Boring on Wilshire Blvd

The Purple Line Extension Subway Project, Section 2 will begin geotechnical boring work in the City of Beverly Hills beginning the night of November 13, 2017. The purpose of geotechnical borings is to gather additional soil information to characterize subsurface conditions which will help with design and construction. Subsurface samples will be collected, and monitoring equipment will be installed for monitoring prior to and during construction.

When and Where:

B-17-006: Wilshire Blvd. between Linden Dr. and McCarty Dr.

- Starting November 13, 2017 for 5 nights
- 8pm to 6am, Monday-Friday
- * Thursday, November 16, 11pm to 6am

B-17-010: Wilshire Blvd. between N. Palm Dr. and S. Palm Dr.

- Starting November 20, 2017 for 2 nights
- 8pm to 6am, Monday-Friday

Regional Connector: 6th St Closure Pick-up and Traffic Reconfiguration

RCC will begin modifying traffic lanes in preparation for the 6th St closure removal between Figueroa St and Hope St, and the southbound I-110 off-ramp.

Restriping will take place on Friday, November 17, from 7 am to 7 pm and Saturday, November 18, from 6 am to 9 pm.

Activities include lane striping and signal modifications, removing of k-rail, sound walls and traffic signage.

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

"Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance
and above all confidence in ourselves."

- Marie Curie

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