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Sacramento Advocacy Visit with Mobility 21 Coalition

Last week, Metro Deputy Executive Officer of Government Relations Michael Turner and I were in Sacramento to participate in meetings organized by Mobility 21 coalition in partnership with the annual Advocacy Visit. Regional transportation CEO's met and discussed priorities for funding and the future of transportation in California. While in the Capital, we met with key leadership and a number of members of the Los Angeles County State Senate and Assembly Delegation.

We provided an overview of the Metro projects submitted for SB 1 Funding. As a Board priority – we are hoping to ensure that LA County receives a fair share of funding to support our aggressive and revolutionary infrastructure plans in advance of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic and Paralympic Games.



Magical Mystery Tour with On The Move Riders

Last week, a group of older adults rode the Metro Expo Line for their first time on a “Magical Mystery Tour.” The tour was hosted by the Wise & Healthy Aging organization and Metro’s On The Move Riders Program (OTMRP) and sought to uncover the “mysteries” of the Expo Line for the six first-time riders.

Their travel day started by walking from the Westside Pavilion to the Westwood/Rancho Park Station and loading stored value to their TAP cards at the TAP vending machines. The group rode the Metro Expo Line to the Downtown Santa Monica Station and visited the headquarters of Wise & Healthy Aging, a non-profit social service agency. They also viewed historical pictures of the 14-mile Expo alignment. During the ride back the group learned about important design features and artwork found in the stations, as well as useful safety tips for riding the train from OTMRP Staff.

OTMRP was formed by Metro to enhance and improve senior mobility and establishing clubs of both experienced and new transit users who travel together to enjoyable destinations throughout LA County.



Metro Art Presents: The Mudbug Brass Band at Union Station

Kick-off Mardi Gras tomorrow at Union Station with the Mudbug Brass Band. Louisiana-rooted but Los Angeles based, the 8-piece New Orleans Jazz band is dedicated to the Second Line tradition, drawing from New Orleans traditional jazz, R&B, funk and Mardi Gras. True to Mardi Gras spirit, the group will lead a procession through the station – so bring your parasols and join the second line.

Metro Art will also be presenting a night full of Kizomba dance and music in the Union Station Ticketing Hall on Valentine's Day evening, February 14, starting at 8:00 p.m. There will be free Kizomba dance lessons led by Chris Kizomba, followed by social dancing accompanied by live music by Ricardo Lemvo y Makina Loca.

More information and details on both of these events and more can be found on the [Metro Art webpage](#).



A Healthier Metro Cafeteria is Coming

I am excited for a new and improved Metro Cafeteria and the variety of healthier options that will be available to Metro employees and guests. Our new vendor, CulinArt, is a well-known dining service provider to many Fortune 500 and reputable companies across the country and I am happy to announce they are coming to Gateway. They will provide a number of organic, vegan and sustainable options and best of all, mobile and online orders will be available.

We must first get through a cafeteria closure and construction. The closure has begun and is expected to run through Friday, February 16 for renovations. The anticipated reopening date will be after Presidents' Day weekend on Tuesday, February 20.

During this time, we are happy to host Metro's first-ever Food Truck Festival here at Patsaouras Plaza serving a variety of foods including Mexican, Argentinian, Mediterranean, Brazilian and many other delicious cuisines. Breakfast trucks will be available from 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and lunch trucks will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. In addition to the food trucks, our Union Station restaurants will also be an option for Metro employees including Green Bowl 2 Go, Otto Otto, Café Crepe, Subway, Starbucks and other places to get a snack.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience as we transform our Metro Cafeteria into a healthier and greener place to get food here at Gateway.



Getting to Know the Communities We Serve

It is very important that we take the time to get out on the system and really get to know the communities we serve. Metro's Community Education Department recently hosted a Law Enforcement Meet and Greet at the Gold Line Mariachi Plaza Station. The event allowed community members the opportunity to meet the different agencies that patrol Metro buses, trains and facilities, and likewise gave our law enforcement teams an opportunity to listen to the public's questions and comments.

Interactive informational booths were hosted by Metro representatives, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles Police Department, Long Beach Police Department, Metro Transit Security and Los Angeles Councilmember Huizar's Office. Throughout the event, participants were able to win prizes by answering rail safety and security questions. There were an estimated 250 patrons who stopped by the event.





Procurement Postings

Metro Facilities Grouting and Water Remediation (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a contractor to provide concrete grouting restorations at various locations. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 12, 2018 to April 11, 2018.

Concrete restoration includes all facilities, bridges and structures identified by Metro requiring concrete repairs or susceptible to water inflow requiring grouting, patching, reinforcement, and/or removal and installation of electrical, mechanical or plumbing equipment required to perform the work as outlined in the specifications. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Diana Dai-Tsang, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3310.

Consulting Services for Bus Contracts (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure project control, technical support, and content management services for multiple rolling stock acquisition contracts. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 6, 2018 through May 24, 2018.

Metro is seeking professional consulting services to assist and augment Metro staff engaged in the project management, administration, and on time delivery of up to five (5) separate contracts for Zero Emission (ZE) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Wayne Okubo, Director at okubow@metro.net.

Synthetic Transmission Oil (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Synthetic Transmission Oil. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, February 13, 2018 through Friday, June 29, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of synthetic transmission oil required to maintain the bus 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.

Pick-Up Trucks (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Pick-Up Trucks. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, February 9, 2018 through Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

This procurement is for six (6) one ton trucks with lift gates, five (5) half-ton trucks, and five (5) three quarter 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.

Construction Notices: Crenshaw/LAX Project, Regional Connector, Purple Line Extension, I-5

Crenshaw/LAX Project: Temporary Green Line Station Closures

Starting on January 26, 2018, and continuing for 71 days, Metro's contractor, Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors began the rail tie-in connection between the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project and the existing Metro Green Line. The work requires the powering-down of five stations on the Green Line. The entirety of the work is expected to last for 71 days, resuming rail service at 3:00 am on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

The following five stations on the Green Line will be powered-down; Aviation/LAX, Mariposa, El Segundo, Douglas, and Redondo Beach Stations. A free Green Line shuttle service from the Hawthorne/Lennox station will provide replacement service to the affected stations during the operation and will aim to maintain comparable headways when possible. Connection service will be maintained at all existing stations served by the free shuttle between Hawthorne/Lennox and Redondo Beach stations.

Regional Connector: Full Weekend Closures for TBM Retrieval at 4th/Flower St Intersection

Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) will begin efforts to retrieve the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) at the 4th St and Flower St intersection.

Traffic reconfiguration began on Saturday, January 13. One thru traffic lane will be maintained.

Full weekend closures of 4th/Flower intersection are anticipated to begin at 7:00 pm Friday through 5:00 am Monday the following weekends:

- February 16, 23, 2018
- March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

Purple Line Extension: Wilshire Blvd./Western Ave. - Instrumentation, Dewatering Well Work and Jet Grouting

North side of Wilshire Blvd. sidewalk closed between Manhattan Pl. and Western Ave. in front of the construction staging yard. Access to businesses is maintained and a signed pedestrian detour is installed.

Eastbound and westbound Wilshire Blvd. will be intermittently reduced to one lane in each direction between Western Ave. and Manhattan Pl. Northbound Manhattan Pl. will be closed at Wilshire Blvd. 9am–3:30pm, Monday–Friday.

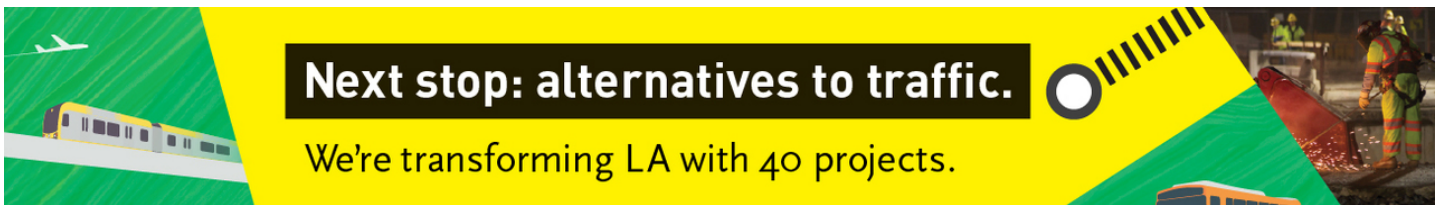
10-day extended closure of Wilshire Blvd. is scheduled from 2/16/18 - 2/26/18. For more information, click [here](#).

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

"I consider the world, this earth, to be like a school, and our life the classrooms."

- Oprah Winfrey

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