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### **Go West Young Subway: Groundbreaking for Purple Line Extension - Section 2**

We are very excited about the progress being made on the Metro Purple Line Extension Project. Last week, we celebrated another major milestone with a groundbreaking ceremony for section 2 of 3 total sections to complete the Purple Line Extension Project. I joined Metro Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, United States Senator Dianne Feinstein, Metro Second Vice Chair and Mayor of Inglewood James Butts, Federal Transit Administration Director Ray Tellis, Mayor of Beverly Hills Lili Bosse, Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer, and many local stakeholders and community partners for this groundbreaking press conference at the future site of the subway station in Century City.

The full Project consists of a three section, nine-mile subway heavy rail line that will extend the existing Metro Purple line along Wilshire Boulevard to a new western terminus at Westwood/VA. The first 3.9-mile section already under construction begins at the existing Metro Wilshire/Western Station and includes the construction of three new stations and the procurement of heavy rail cars. The project's second section extends the line another 2.6 miles through the cities of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills and includes two new stations at Wilshire/Rodeo and Century City and procures 20 heavy rail cars. The subway extension will provide a swift, high-capacity, dependable alternative for those traveling to and from Los Angeles County's "second downtown" including destinations such as the Miracle Mile, Beverly Hills, Century City, and Westwood/UCLA.



## Community Stakeholders Meeting regarding Metro's Transportation Boarding School

Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins joined field deputies and representatives from Metro Board Member and Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas's office at a community stakeholders meeting to discuss the plans and goals for Metro's Transportation Boarding School. They discussed possibilities of where the school could be located including a location in South Los Angeles that has been abandoned for 25 years since the civil unrest of 1992. The Supervisor's office proposed a Multi-Purpose Development including housing, retail, workforce development, a transit plaza and our very own Transportation Boarding School. Deputy CEO Wiggins shared the benefits of having a transit plaza for our future Vermont Bus Rapid Transit Corridor in the community and the benefits of establishing a Transportation Boarding School for economically underserved local youth to prepare them for future careers in transportation.

Metro is piloting a college and career technical education program to establish a public boarding school with a transportation focus for students in grades 6-12. The program will create career pathways in LA County's transportation sector for at-risk and underserved youth. Students will be introduced to careers in transportation with special emphasis given to architecture, construction, engineering, information technology and science. Metro will work in partnership with at-risk youth involved with LA county Children and Family

Services, the Department of Social Services and the County Probation Department. We are very excited about this project and look forward to seeing this move forward with success.

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### **Rail Ambassadors Assist Traffic Safety Task Force at Foshay Learning Center**

This week, Metro Community Education Department will be supporting the Foshay Learning Center's Traffic Safety Task Force efforts in mitigating significant traffic issues around the Expo Line's Expo/Western Station. The area experiences heavy traffic during school dismissal time causing vehicle infractions such as double parking, blocking vehicles on Harvard Street and other varying issues. LADOT and LAPD will be partnering with Foshay during this week-long project to change the vehicle traffic pattern at school dismissal time. The efforts will take place Monday through Friday. Metro Community Education department is supporting the task force by providing a Rail Safety Ambassador during school dismissal to monitor the intersection of Denker Avenue and Exposition Blvd, and reminding students to use the pedestrian crossings to cross the tracks safely.

Metro has a great relationship with Foshay Learning Center, a K-12 school with 1,900 students, in which we provide the entire student body with Transit Safety training and our Rail Safety Orientation Tour program. Safety is our number one priority here at Metro and we are looking at ways in which we can improve this heavily congested intersection to provide a safe environment for children as they are dismissed from school.

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### **Metro Hosts a Successful Meet the Primes**

On Tuesday evening, Metro hosted nearly 600 entrepreneurs and 37 Prime Contractors at "Meet the Primes", a Metro signature event. Metro Deputy CEO, Stephanie Wiggins and Metro Chief of Vendor Contract Management Debra Avila spoke to the audience regarding Metro programs, goals and commitment to inclusion. The new Contractor Development and Bonding Assistance Program, which will launch in mid-March, received raucous applause. Metro is risk sharing along with other innovations to increase small business participation in the economic uplift that infrastructure development brings to the region.

The Diversity & Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) slogan that "your success is our success" was on full display, and the opportunity for networking, connections and exposure to Prime Contractors is further proof of that commitment. The work of Metro Executive Officer Miguel Cabral, Senior DEOD Representative Olga Mireya Lopez, Assistant DEOD Representative Jan Davis and the entire DEOD team is considered a Gold Standard, and I congratulate them for another job well done.

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### **Next Stop: Retirement**

I want to recognize and say thank you to those retiring this month, who have served Metro for 15 years or more. We sincerely appreciate all your hard work, dedication, and the years of service to our agency. I am sure you have inspired others through your accomplishments and have served as a role model to those that are beginning their careers at Metro. I hope you all have a wonderful retirement full of happiness, success and good health.

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| NAME                  | TITLE/DIVISION                                              | YEARS OF SERVICE |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| James Green           | TOS - Transportation, Div 13                                | 47.5 Years       |
| Frank Cole            | TOS - Vehicle Operations                                    | 44 Years         |
| Charlotte Richardson  | Manager, Legal Services                                     | 43.25 Years      |
| Richard Rodriguez     | Rail Operations Supervisor - Gold Line, Div 24              | 43 Years         |
| Carmine Zeccardi      | Bus Operator - Transportation, Div 15                       | 41.5 Years       |
| Cesar De Guzman       | Bus Operator - Transportation, Div 8                        | 38.2 Years       |
| Patricia Thomas-Jones | Mechanic A - Central Maintenance                            | 38 Years         |
| Rene Wilson           | Mechanic A - Maintenance, Div 1                             | 38 Years         |
| Betty Edwards         | Bus Operator - Transportation, Div 8                        | 35.5 Years       |
| Tommy Sankar          | Mechanic A - Maintenance, Div 3                             | 35.5 Years       |
| Rudy Rounds           | Mechanic A Leader - Maintenance, Div 2                      | 35 Years         |
| Jack Dedrick          | Bus Operator - Transportation, Div 8                        | 33.25 Years      |
| Sabrina Sparks        | Schedule Checker - Data Collection                          | 30.75 Years      |
| Wisconsin Lim         | Bus Operator - Transportation, Div 5                        | 28.75 Years      |
| Jose Paz              | Train Operator - Rail Transit Operations, Red Line Div 20   | 28.25 Years      |
| David Bernal          | Bus Operator - Transportation, Div 3                        | 28 Years         |
| Joselito Rana         | Bus Operator - Transportation, Div 18                       | 28 Years         |
| Angela Bacon          | Train Operator - Red Line, Div 20                           | 24 Years         |
| Nelson Rivera-Cortez  | Bus Operator - Transportation, Div 15                       | 24 Years         |
| Francisco Gatdula     | Stock Clerk - Logistics                                     | 23 Years         |
| Rodolfo Martinez      | Bus Operator - Transportation, Div 8                        | 23 Years         |
| Freddie Howell        | Bus Operator - Transportation, Div 9                        | 20.25 Years      |
| Arlene Mills          | Train Operator - Rail Transit Operations, Green Line Div 22 | 19.75 Years      |
| Alfonso Melendez      | Painter A - CMS                                             | 19.25 Years      |
| Carlos Mendoza        | Bus Operator - Transportation, Div 3                        | 19.25 Years      |
| Noi Liu               | Mechanic A - Maintenance, Div 13                            | 19.2 Years       |
| Dale Flock            | Schedule Maker II - Service Planning and Scheduling         | 17.25 Years      |
| Kay Tam               | Senior Service Attendant - Red Line Fleet Services          | 17.25 Years      |
| Kathleen McCune       | DEO - Congestion Reduction                                  | 16.25 Years      |

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| Irvin H. Golden | Service Attendant Leader -<br>Gold Line Fleet Services            | 15 Years |
| James Coe       | Rail Electronic Communications<br>Inspector - Rail Communications | 15 Years |

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## Procurement Postings

### Azusa Santa Fe Depot Rehabilitation and Reuse Project (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a Contractor to perform construction of the Azusa Santa Fe Depot Rehabilitation & Reuse Project. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 28, 2018 to June 26, 2018.

Rehabilitation of existing historic 2,500sf, Type VB, Santa Fe Depot building, including complete interior remodel, seismic upgrade, addition of raised platform, ramp and service enclosure at east end of building; and addition of air conditioning systems and accessible restroom facilities.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Robert Romanowski, Sr. Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-2633.

### Long Range Parking Planning Support Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional services for Long Range Parking Planning Support Services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 27, 2018 through May 14, 2018.

Metro is seeking professional services for Long Range Parking Planning Support Services on an as needed basis, intended to provide support on long range parking planning, design and review, demand modelling, data analysis and other related duties as necessary. The project will cover support services as part of the Long Range Parking Planning Program.

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.

### Metro Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project - Advanced Conceptual Engineering (A.C.E.) Design/Urban Design Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a qualified Architectural and Engineering firm to perform Advanced Conceptual Engineering, Design, and Urban Design services in support of the re-initiation of the Metro Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, February 26, 2018 through Monday, April 9, 2018.

The qualified firm will prepare the required conceptual engineering plans, designs, and exhibits to extend the current Metro Gold Line terminus further east of Atlantic Boulevard in East Los Angeles. The project calls for three (3) Build Alternatives to connect communities further east of the current Metro Gold Line terminus, thereby improving mobility.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Adrian Luesang, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3313.

#### Metro Blue Line Track and System Refurbishment (Design/Bid/Build) (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a contractor to perform refurbishment work of Metro Blue Line track in downtown Los Angeles and Long Beach. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 26 to May 25, 2018.

Work also includes refurbishment of the OCS in mid-corridor, reconstruction of a segment of the train control and communication duck bank, and other miscellaneous safety and operational improvements. This is State-of Good-Repair work for the aging Metro Blue Line track and system.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Robert Romanowski, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2633.

#### Vanpool Vehicle Supplier Bench (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services for the Vanpool Vehicle Supplier Bench. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, February 27, 2018 through Thursday, May 3, 2018.

This solicitation is to establish a bench of authorized and qualified vehicle suppliers. These suppliers will provide vehicle services to our riders in the continued delivery of the vanpool mode managed and offered by our Metro Vanpool Program.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Gina Romo, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7558.

#### Stake Bed Trucks (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Stake Bed Trucks. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, February 23, 2018 through Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of three (3) Stake Bed 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.net Web Systems Maintenance & Administration (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide Metro.net Web Systems Maintenance and Administration. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, February 26, 2018 through Monday, April 30, 2018.

Metro is seeking a contractor for Web Systems Maintenance and Administration to maintain and deploy web based applications, websites, and interactive features for our digital platform. Contractor will provide front-end and back-end services in order to maintain metro.net's web systems.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Manchi Yi, Principal Contract Administrator, at (213) 418-3332.

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### **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:

•March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

#### Purple Line Extension: Jet Grouting on Wilshire Blvd.

On Friday, February 23, jet grouting activities will move to new locations on Wilshire Blvd. between Crescent Heights Blvd. and San Vicente Blvd. The work zone and closure will be established in the center lane of Wilshire Blvd. using K-rail, fencing and sound blankets. This work zone will be in place for approximately 12-16 weeks and will involve the following traffic control measures:

- Wilshire Blvd. will be reduced to two lanes in each direction between San Vicente Blvd. and Crescent Heights Blvd. The traffic tapering will extend east of Crescent Heights Blvd. to San Diego Way.
- Left turns will be restricted on Wilshire Blvd. at Crescent Heights Blvd.
- Left turns will be restricted from driveways on Wilshire Blvd. between Crescent Heights Blvd.
- Parking restrictions on Wilshire Blvd. will be in place between Crescent Heights Blvd. and San Vicente Blvd.
- Loading zones and the center median of Wilshire Blvd. will be unavailable during this time.

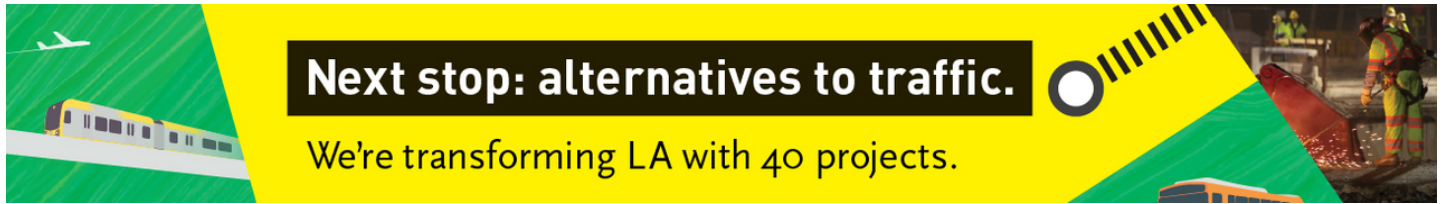
Caltrans Interstate 5: All Construction Updates [here](#).

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"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it."

- Maya Angelou

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