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Meeting with NFL Hall of Famer to Discuss Transportation Real Estate Development

Last week, Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins and I met with former Zimbabwe Ambassador Steve Rhodes, President and CEO of E Smith Legacy Holdings Vernon Marrow and NFL Hall of Fame running back from the Dallas Cowboys, Chairman Emmitt Smith of E Smith Legacy Holdings here at Metro headquarters. Mr. Smith, his business partners, and Michael Anderson, CEO of BASE architecture and engineering firm, came to Metro to discuss opportunities to assist LA Metro in implementing LA County transportation projects through Public Private Partnerships and joint developments. This was a great opportunity to share ideas and best practices on how the public and private sectors can work together to achieve the best outcome for development projects to uplift LA County communities.

I want to thank Ambassador Rhodes for reaching out to us to discuss these important topics as Metro moves forward with various transit oriented developments. It was also a pleasure to meet with the Dallas Cowboys' Hall of Famer, but as I mentioned to Mr. Smith, I still am and will always be a loyal Chicago Bears fan.



Metro and Caltrans Partner on a Workshop for Implementing Active Transportation Projects

Last week, Metro and Caltrans hosted a training workshop for local jurisdictions implementing bicycle and pedestrian projects funded by the State Active Transportation Program (ATP). The workshop was attended by 50 local agency staff members, in person and by webinar.

Many of the participating agencies received ATP funding as a result of the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1), which provides an additional \$100 million to the ATP each year -- nearly doubling the funds in the program. Through actions approved in October 2017 and January 2018, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) awarded a total of \$32 million of SB 1 ATP funds to new projects in Los Angeles County and enabled \$18 million in previously-approved projects to be implemented on an earlier schedule -- click [here](#) for list. Approximately half of the new SB 1 funding will be made available immediately, and half in the coming fiscal year. Future ATP cycles will also include an additional \$100 million per year as a result of SB 1.



Inside Metro's Central Maintenance Facility

It is important that we all have some understanding of our core business of bus and rail operations. Every so often, I hold my weekly Senior Leadership Team Meeting at a randomly selected Metro operations division in attempt to learn about the division, and listen to and talk with our operations staff.

Metro's online transportation blog, [The Source](#), has been posting a series titled "Maintenance Diaries" by Lexi Hinton that takes a look into various topics regarding our operations. There are profiles of maintenance employees, a review of maintenance and state-of-good repair, and recently a look into the Central Maintenance Facility. You can view the video below and read the full article, [here](#).



Building a Greener Workforce

Metro's Growing a Greener Workforce (GGW) initiative is a cross-departmental and community partnership program designed to raise awareness within Metro and across Los Angeles County about environmental and sustainability principles. The program began in January 2017, providing classes in Envision Rating System and Green Professional (G-PRO) training and has now trained over 420 and certified over 230 participants in one or both programs. Certification to any of these programs is a choice, and shows personal leadership. The leadership spans over 20 Metro Departments and reflects employees at every level, from Executive Officer to Intern.

By learning together, GGW creates space for authentic relationships that foster resilient solutions to pervasive challenges. We understand that it will take a myriad of talents to transform Los Angeles through transportation; GGW is building a foundation of environmental and sustainability knowledge by providing a common vocabulary and mentorship across professional fields of expertise from which such innovation can flourish. As Measure M expands the sheer number of simultaneous projects Metro is implementing, we need talented contractors to take on projects and employees with multi-faceted skills who can guide these complex endeavors. GGW is the launch pad for this social and economic resilience.

Metro's Environmental Construction Awareness (MECA) program builds upon GGW, providing online resources on environmental compliance expectations, policies and practices on demand, specifically for contractors. But anyone who would like to learn more about Metro's environmental and sustainability vision is welcome. Understanding these foundational requirements creates a framework from which innovation can bloom. Currently posted modules are on forming your environmental team, Metro's response to AB2800 on climate change impacts, and Metro's Green Construction Policy.



Procurement Postings

Vertical Lift Machines, Metro Blue Line Warehouse and Metro Green Line Warehouse (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure three (3) Vertical Lift Machines. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 2, 2018, through Friday, September 7, 2018.

This procurement is for two (2) Vertical Lift Machines to support the Metro Blue Line Warehouse and one (1) Vertical Lift Machine to support the Metro Green Line Warehouse.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lorretta Norris, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2632.

I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Improvements (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit the preparation of the Project Report and

Environmental Document (PAED) for approval, and the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) for the construction of the I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Improvement Project (Project). **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, March 7, 2018 through Thursday, May 3, 2018.

Metro will seek proposals from well-qualified professional and technical firms for development of the PAED and PS&E for proposed improvements to the I-605/Valley Boulevard interchange, in the City of Industry and in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by David Chia, Principal Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1064.

Customer Service Center (CSC) Operations (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services for a Customer Service Center (CSC) Operation Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 2, 2018 through Thursday, October 25, 2018.

Metro will seek proposals from well-qualified firms to provide front and back office operations, for the staffing and performance of the Customer Service Center (CSC) Operations, Roadside Toll Collection System, and Back Office System support.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Andrew Conriquez, Principal Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-3528.

Brake Parts (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Brake Parts. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday March 6, 2018 through Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of brake parts required to maintain the NABI 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.

Electrical Arc Flash Hazard Assessment Study at USG Building (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for electrical arc flash hazard assessment study at the Metro USG Building. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, March 7, 2018 through June 7, 2018.

Metro is seeking a qualified contractor to implement an arc flash hazard program to enhance our electrical safety program, provide additional safety measures for our employees, and provide compliance with Cal-OSHA regulatory mandates. Metro plans to retain a qualified firm to assist in the development and implementation of the arc flash and electrical safety programs.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Rommel Hilario, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4654.

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 9:00 pm Friday through 5:00 am Monday the following weekends:

- March 9, 16, 23, 30 2018

Regional Connector: DWP Power Cable Pulling on Flower St and 6th St

DWP Power will perform cable pulling on Flower St between 5th St and 6th St and 6th St between Figueroa and Hope St.

Work is anticipated to begin Saturday, February 24, and continue for approximately four months.

Work hours, weather permitting, are Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3:30 pm; and Saturdays and Sundays from 7 am to 6 pm.

- Lane reductions on southbound Flower St between 5th St and Wilshire Bl
- Lane reductions on eastbound 6th St between Figueroa and Hope St
- Right turns from 6th St to southbound Flower St will be restricted intermittently

Purple Line Extension: Jet Grouting on Wilshire Blvd.

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.

Purple Line Extension: Through Traffic Closure of 57th St at Crenshaw Bl

As part of Metro's Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC) will continue working on civil improvements. The civil work includes saw cut, demolition, excavation and preparation of the at-grade crossing panel installation. This new phase will require a full-through traffic closure for eastbound and westbound traffic on 57th St at Crenshaw Bl. The through traffic closure of 57th St will be implemented beginning on Thursday, March 1, 2018, and last four weeks.

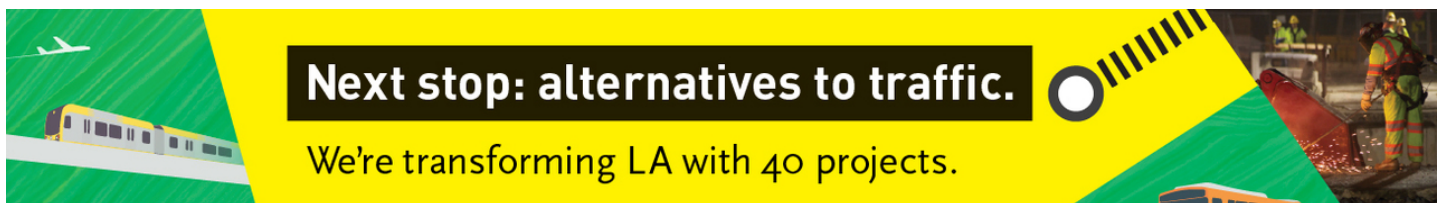
- Eastbound and westbound through traffic closure of 57th St at Crenshaw Bl.
- All left turn movements will be restricted at the 57th St and Crenshaw Bl intersection.
- Right turn movements will be maintained at the 57th St and Crenshaw Bl intersection.
- One lane reduction for northbound and southbound traffic on Crenshaw Bl.
- One crosswalk will be maintained across Crenshaw Bl at 57th St at all times.

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

"Winning isn't something that happens suddenly on the field when the whistle blows and the crowds roar. Winning is something that builds physically and mentally every day that you train and every night that you dream."

~Emmitt Smith

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