



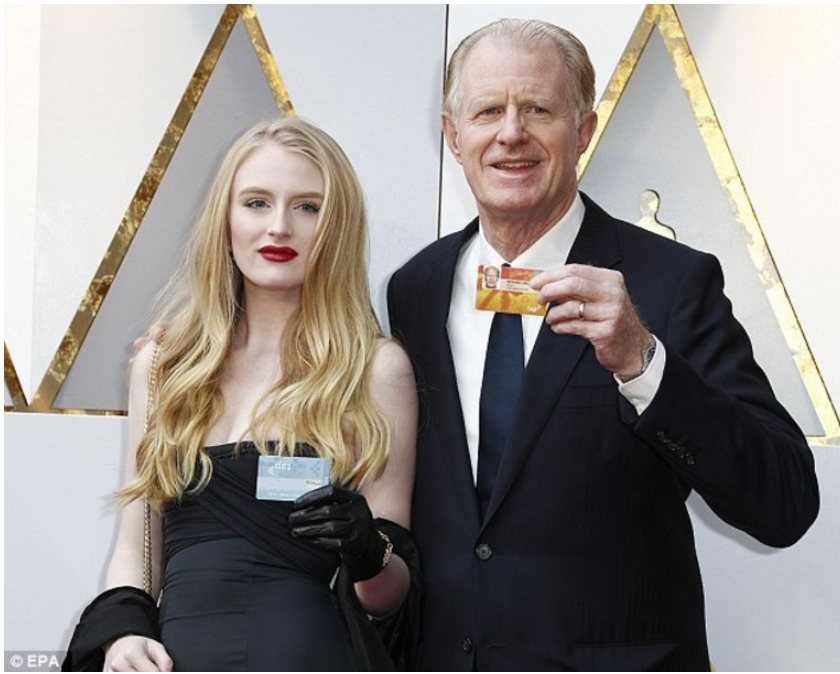
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Not All Celebrities Drive to the Academy Awards in Hollywood

Los Angeles recently created the perfect recipe for residents and visitors to Go Metro to their destinations around town. The 90th Academy Awards took place on Sunday, March 4, at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, causing road closures and traffic jams for those travelling near and around the area. As many actors, singers and stars slowly crept through traffic in chauffeured vehicles, primetime Emmy Award Winner and environmentalist Mr. Ed Begley Jr. made the better decision of taking the Metro Red Line to the Hollywood/Vine station and walking the few blocks up to the event. This was not Mr. Begley's first rodeo, he along with his daughter have taken the Red Line to previous Academy Awards. In fact, he and his daughter proudly displayed their Senior and Regular TAP cards for photos along the step-and-repeat. Below are photos linked to the source for this information.



Metro Chair and CEO Roundtable with Council of Governments

I recently joined Metro Board Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti for a roundtable discussion with the elected chairs and executive directors from each of the Councils of Governments (COGs) around Los Angeles County. We were also joined by Metro Second Vice Chair and Inglewood Mayor James Butts, Metro Board Member and City of Duarte Mayor Pro Tem John Fasana and Metro Board Member and City of Glendale Councilmember Ara Najarian.

I highlighted a number of my top priorities including the importance of SB1 funding, our Strategic Plan, getting ready for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games including our Twenty-eight by 2028 Initiative, our Equity Framework, Career Pathways, the anticipated impacts of the newly announced steel and aluminum tariffs, and more. We had an open discussion with the COG representatives who also shared their interests with us that, in many cases, noted their interests in specific projects in their areas of the County. While they welcomed our efforts to deliver projects sooner, they also sought assurance that any acceleration would not negatively impact the schedule or funding for other projects. We stressed this Metro commitment in our adopted policy that we will be sending out to COG representatives. Chair Garcetti also made a point of noting that no project would be accelerated if we are not able to also fund its earlier operations and maintenance.

I was pleased that California State Senator Henry Stern, who happened to be in the building, was able to stop by and lend his support for our work. This Roundtable was a productive meeting and part of our ongoing commitment to strengthen our relationships with the 88 cities of LA County. That effort is spearheaded by our Local Government and External Affairs unit within Community Relations whom I'd like to thank for their work on this latest event.



Metro Deputy CEO Delivers Keynote at Accenture Women's Day Celebration

Metro Deputy Chief Executive Officer Stephanie Wiggins was a keynote speaker at Accenture's International Women's Day celebration. The event focused on taking an in-depth look at gender equality, which is an essential element of an inclusive workplace. Ms. Wiggins shared her leadership journey and the challenges she had to overcome through dedication and commitment to be the leader that she is today. She also shared her thoughts on the issues of equality and why it is important for Metro to have a diverse and inclusive workforce as well as ensuring that women feel safe while riding our system. She also mentioned how the efforts to impact, advance, and empower women through the Metro Women and Girls Governing Council has led to seven approved initiatives that will advance women and create opportunities for success in the transportation industry.

I am proud of Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins for her ambitions to create a diverse community within our agency. As you know, I am a strong advocate for the development of women leaders and I am committed to providing opportunities for women to grow and succeed to build the diversity we seek throughout Metro.

Procurement Postings

Wireless Router Kits (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure Wireless Router Kits. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, March 12, 2018 through Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

Metro is seeking a vendor to supply wireless router kits on an as needed basis for a twelve (12) Month period with a one (1) year option for additional quantities.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Juelene Close, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1066.

Contracted Transportation Services - North Region (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure contracted transportation services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday March 7, 2018 through Friday, March 22, 2018.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is requesting proposals for the contracted operation of local transit lines in the L.A. Downtown area, Westside Central and San Fernando Valley region.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Antwaun Boykin, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1056.

Performance Review of Los Angeles County Transit Operators (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to perform an independent review of transit operators receiving Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for FY 2013 -2015 and Metro's regional transportation planning function. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, March 13, 2018 through Friday, July 6, 2018.

Section 99245 of the Public Utilities Code requires an annual certified fiscal audit of each claimant of TDA funds and a certification that funds allocated to the claimant pursuant to the TDA were expended in conformance with applicable laws, rules and regulations. Further, the review must meet legislative requirements of AB1246, SB759 and SB1755 and should also provide pertinent information and recommendations to assist in improving the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of transit program planning and administration of Metro.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aielyn Dumaua, Contract Administration Manager at (213) 922-7320.

PS&E for SR-57/SR-60 Interchange Improvements (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services to complete the final design phase of the freeway improvements at the SR-57/SR-60 Interchange in Los Angeles County. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 9, 2018 through Friday, May 4, 2018.

This procurement requires the preparation of Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) for operational and capacity improvements at the SR-57/SR-60 Interchange. The improvements include removing weaving conflicts in the eastbound direction and reconstruction of the interchange at Grand Avenue to a partial cloverleaf configuration, including replacing the existing Grand Avenue bridge.

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.

Sound Enclosures at Metro Gold Line Sierra Madre Villa Station (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure a contractor to construct and install a Soundwall Enclosure System at the Sierra Madre Villa Station. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from March 13, 2018 to May 3, 2018.

Installing the sound panels along the freeway barriers will reduce the noise level on the station platform and improve the patrons' experience.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Noelle Santos, Contract Administrator at 213-922-3647.

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

- March 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 began Saturday, February 24, and is expected to 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: 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.

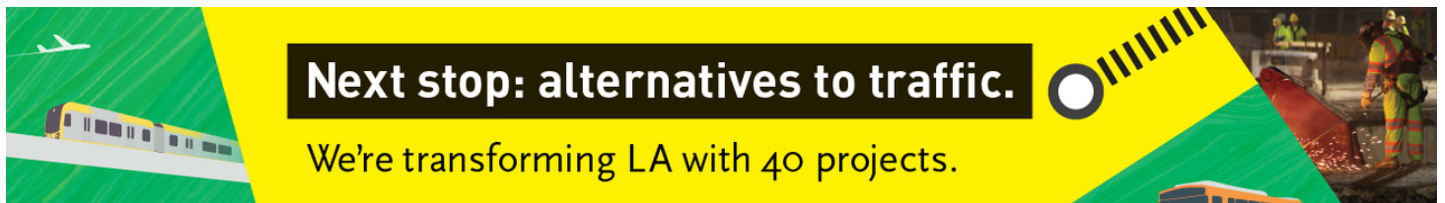
- Eastbound and westbound through traffic closure of 57th St at Crenshaw Bl.
- All left turn movements will be restricted at the 57th St and Crenshaw Bl intersection.
- Right turn movements will be maintained at the 57th St and Crenshaw Bl intersection.
- One lane reduction for northbound and southbound 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.](#)

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~Sojourner Truth

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