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State of California Recognizes Metro's Stellar Record in Veteran Hiring and Promotions

The State of California recently honored Metro for our exemplary contribution and commitment to an outstanding record in the hiring and promotion of veterans at the 2018 California Employers Advisory Council (CEAC) Luncheon. The award luncheon was co-sponsored by the CEAC and the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Metro received the award in the category of Government/Public Service that was presented by EDD Director Patrick W. Henning, CEAC President William M. Betley, and CEAC Veterans Committee Co-Chair Steven Huhta.

Metro was represented by Executive Officer Patrice McElroy and Veteran Program Manager Dennis Tucker of our Talent Acquisitions Department. While accepting the award, Patrice reiterated our agency's commitment to recruit, retain and grow a world-class transportation labor force from our diverse communities, through our strategic workforce expansion as demonstrated by our Veteran Hiring Initiative.

I want to thank EDD in partnership with CEAC for participating in these incredible hiring efforts. A special recognition goes to the National Guard and United States Army Reserve units and many other partners and stakeholders that made this possible. Lastly, thanks to Metro Senior Leadership, Metro Veterans Programs in collaboration with Talent Acquisition Department, and every person that assisted in these efforts to ensure our organization was well represented on the hiring of service-members and families.



Metro Humbly Leads in Sustainability and Conservation

We are humbled to announce that our agency's environmental and conservation programs have been serially recognized by multiple organizations in the past two weeks. This is testament to the expertise, dedication and leadership of our staff in protecting the environment and achieving agency and regional sustainability.

American Planning Association

The American Planning Association Sustainable Communities Division during its Fifth Annual Awards for Excellence in Sustainability in New Orleans, LA, awarded the:

- Leadership in Sustainability Award to the LA Metro Environmental Compliance & Sustainability Department. The department's initiatives and programs had brought unprecedented leadership within our organization and beyond; ultimately transcending multiple disciplines and jurisdictions to collaborate in achieving continued environmental stewardship and sustainability across our region.
- Sustainable Transportation Project to LA Metro Expo Line Phase 2 for the planning, construction and continued operation of the system using principles of sustainable infrastructure.

Dr. Cris B. Liban, head of Metro's Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Department, received the award on behalf of the agency. Metro was also represented at this event by Planning Executive Officers Kalieh Honish and David Mieger.

Breathe LA

During its 18th Annual Breath of Life Awards held at the La Brea Tar Pits Museum, Breathe LA awarded Metro the Community Impact Award for our efforts to reduce air pollution and incorporate sustainable best practices into our operations and programs. The citation also mentions that for the past 25 years, Metro has developed an extensive mass rapid transit system consisting of more than 80 miles of urban rail, Bus Rapid Transit routes, and the nation's largest bus fleet with more than 2,200 alternative fuel buses.

Our shift from using diesel to natural gas in the 90's has reduced the amount of criteria air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions that are emitted by our fleet by more than 90%. Our current use of renewable natural gas and low-NOx engines will further reduce fleet greenhouse gas emissions by more than 70%. Our agency is committed to full fleet electrification by 2030.

Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins received the award on behalf of the agency. The event was also attended by Chief Planning Officer Therese McMillan and Dr. Cris B. Liban and Evan Rosenberg from our Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Department.

Los Angeles Conservancy.

In celebration of its 18th Preservation Awards, the Los Angeles Conservancy awarded the 2018 Preservation Project Award to our Lankershim North Hollywood Depot project. One of the oldest existing structures in the San Fernando Valley, the depot was a crucial component in transforming the area from a rural community to a bustling urban center. During the design and construction of the North Hollywood Red Line Station, the Depot was orphaned and neglected, surrounded by heavy construction equipment next to deep excavation and a huge mountain of excavated soil known as "Mount Kajima," named after the contractor. After 12 years of on and off work and \$3.6 million from Metro and the City of Los Angeles, the Depot has gained new life as a coffee shop and a hub for sustainable transportation between the Orange and Red Lines. This year we will celebrate the 123rd anniversary of the Depot by recreating the Historic Park in front of the building with lavish landscaping (as a result of innovative soil remediation) for public use.

Our Senior Director for Project Engineering and Architecture Aspet Davidian received the award on behalf of Metro. The event was also attended by Chief of Program Management Rick Clarke and Dr. Cris B. Liban.



Metrolink Provides New Valley Train to Plane Connection

Last week, I joined Metro Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Metro Board Member and Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Metro Board Member and Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Metro Board Member and Glendale City Councilmember Ara Najarian, California Assembly Member Dante Acosta, Metrolink CEO Art Leahy, representatives from the Cities of Burbank, Santa Clarita, Pasadena, and Hollywood Burbank Airport partners and other local stake holders for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Hollywood Burbank Airport North Metrolink Station.

Starting today, May 14, Metrolink now offers daily service to the Hollywood Burbank Airport. Through service on the Metrolink Antelope Valley Line, there will be 14 trains running each direction Monday through Friday, and six trains in each direction Saturdays and Sundays. The new station is located at 3600 N San Fernando Boulevard in the City of Burbank and will provide a more convenient connection between the Hollywood Burbank Airport and the Metrolink system serving the Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, San Fernando Valley and other Southern California Communities.

The \$15 million station funded by Metro and Hollywood Burbank Airport will be approximately one mile from the current airport terminal. Passengers will be able to reach the station via a free shuttle to be operated by the Hollywood Burbank Airport. The new rail station will also be within walking distance of the planned new terminal that will replace the current terminal, as well as a proposed mix-use development.



Community Faith Leaders Ride Along with Metro Transit Security

Recently, faith-based community leaders from USC's Cecil Murray Center for Community Engagement and Instituto de Avance Latino Inc. joined Metro staff to learn about Metro security operations on the rail system. Led by Metro Transit Security officers Rashaud Taylor, Desiree Aguado, and Dennis Bosque, Transit Security Community Liaison Jon Gordon, and Community Relations staff, the community leaders had the opportunity to ask questions about Metro's system and operations and witness how Metro's security officers positively engage with the public. This ride along opportunity was offered as part of Metro's developing countywide interfaith leaders outreach initiative. Ride alongs with Metro Transit Security or the Los Angeles Police Department are offered to community leaders by Metro's Security & Law Enforcement department every month.



We are Half Way There: Join the Community Celebration for Regional Connector Project

This coming Saturday, join us in Little Tokyo as we celebrate reaching the halfway point of construction of the Regional Connector Transit Project in Downtown Los Angeles. The free community event will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Japanese American National Museum Plaza with Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Chair Eric Garcetti hosting a media program at noon. The event will feature family fun activities including arts & crafts, workshops, music, dance performances and plenty more.

The \$1.75-billion Regional Connector Transit Project is a 1.9-mile underground light-rail tunnel that will connect the Blue, Expo and Gold Lines in downtown Los Angeles and will include three new stations at 1st Street/Central Avenue, 2nd Street/ Broadway and 2nd Place/Hope Street. The rail line is expected to serve 88,000 riders daily – including 17,000 new riders – and save commuters up to 20 minutes by reducing the need to transfer when traveling to and through downtown L.A. Construction is expected to be completed in 2021.

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Next stop: halfway there!

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018 | 11AM–2PM

JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM PLAZA

Join us in celebrating the construction progress of the Regional Connector Transit Project. Come out for FREE family fun, art-making, workshops, music and dance performances.







Procurement Postings

Transit Operations Supervisor Uniforms (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking qualified firms who can provide uniform and work apparel to approximately 550 Transit Operation Supervisors (TOS) and Rail Transit Operator Supervisors (RTOS), both men and women, with new quality embroidered clothing. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Business only.** The procurement blackout period is expected to run from May 17, 2018 through September 30, 2018.

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.

Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from May 17, 2018 through June 28, 2018.

This procurement is for the acquisition of ten (10) sport utility vehicles for Metro's Emergency Management Department. Vendor shall furnish, deliver and warrant the vehicles according to the required specifications and shall include all items and/or accessories not mentioned, but required, for operation of the vehicle.

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

Emergency Security Operations Center Design/Build (RFQ/RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) / Request for Proposal (RFP) Tuesday, May 15, 2018, for the Emergency Security Operations Center (ESOC). LACMTA is using a two-step process to select a Contractor for the design build delivery method of the Project. The Statement of Qualification is due June 13, 2018. The Request for Proposal is due September 14, 2018. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from May 15, 2018 through November 21, 2018.

Metro has established a contracting opportunity for the design and construction of the Emergency Security Operations Center (ESOC). The ESOC facility will be constructed to support a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) facility and Security Operations Center (SOC). The ESOC project should be designed and built to accommodate the future Bus Operations Center (BOC) and Rail Operations Center (ROC) that will be implemented in a subsequent future phase as a separate tenant improvement work.

The Work under this contract will include, but is not limited to, furnishing all management, coordination, professional services, equipment, materials and other services to perform the programming, design and construction of the ESOC Project as detailed further in the Summary of Work, Specifications, and other documents provided in this RFQ/RFP.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Rafael Vasquez, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3036

Construction Notices: Crenshaw/LAX, Purple Line, I-5

Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project: Two Night Street Closure of Arbor Vitae St and Portal Av

As part of Metro's Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC) will be working on the OCS (overhead catenary system) wire installation on Arbor Vitae St and Portal Av. This will require a full closure of Arbor Vitae St at Portal Av with traffic detours being implemented at Aviation Bl and Airport Bl

for two nights. The full street closure is expected to run from Monday, May 14, 2018 through Tuesday, May 15, 2018 from 9pm to 6am.

[Metro Purple Line Extension Project: Sidewalk Closure - Wilshire between Hamilton and Gale](#)

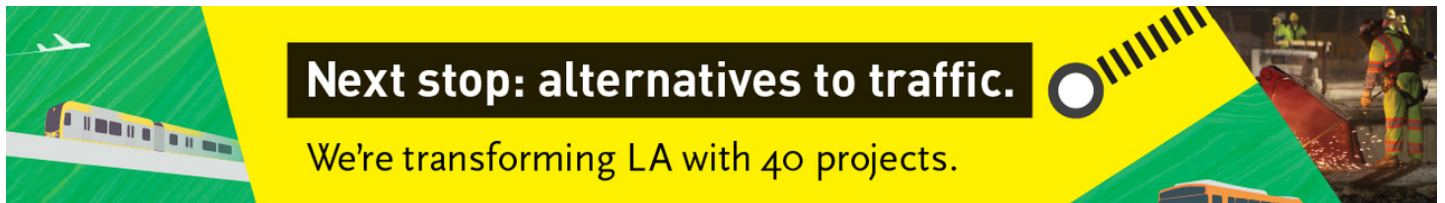
Starting Monday, May 7 to Monday, May 21 the sidewalk on the north side of Wilshire Blvd. will be closed between Hamilton Dr. and Gale Dr. to facilitate utility work and to continue work on the Gale Yard sound wall bump out. For more details click the underlined title above.

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

"The positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible."

~ Winston Churchill

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