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Governor Brown Joins Metro and Transportation Officials to Support Senate Bill 1

Last week we received welcome news for the latest on Senate Bill 1 (SB- 1) activities. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved \$703.6 million in SB-1 funding for LA Metro as part of its transportation funding allocations for agencies statewide. The California Transportation Agency (CalSTA) also recently announced its SB-1 award for funding Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Improvements, with more than \$1 billion designated for Metro. With the award of \$703.6 million from the CTC and the award of \$1.088 billion from CalSTA, the State has made a commitment to fund more than \$1.8 billion in projects for Metro over a number of years. I want to thank Metro's Second Vice Chair James Butts, Metro Board Member John Fasana, and Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins for providing testimony in support of Metro's SB 1 program of projects at last week's CTC meeting in San Diego, CA. A number of local stakeholders and agency representatives also spoke in support of the funding for Southern California, and Metro's projects.

To keep the momentum of SB-1 and transportation funding moving forward, Mobility 21 in coordination with Metro and regional partners hosted a SB-1 Regional Workshop and press conference at Los Angeles Union

Station. I joined California Governor Jerry Brown, Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Chair Eric Garcetti, Secretary of California State Transportation Agency Brian Annis, California Transportation Commission Chair Fran Inman, Metro Board Member and City of Duarte Mayor Pro Tem John Fasana, Mobility 21 Board Members, and many other transportation partners and stakeholders to discuss the importance of rebuilding and maintaining California's infrastructure with the assistance of SB-1 funding. There is an ongoing attempt to place a constitutional amendment on the November 6 ballot that would require California voters to approve gas tax and vehicle fee increases that already went into effect in Fall of 2017. If the ballot is approved, that would amount to a repeal of SB-1.



Women and Girls Governing Council hosts National Public Transportation Careers Day at Metro

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) began the National Public Transportation Careers Day workforce development initiative in 2011 which takes place during National Infrastructure Week. Last week, Metro's Women and Girls Governing Council (WGGC) proudly lead the planning efforts by partnering with Girls Academic Leadership Academy (GALA), an all-girls STEM school located in Mid-City Los Angeles.

In celebration of Metro's 25th anniversary, Metro WGGC invited twenty-five 9th and 10th grade students to learn about Metro and the careers available in the public transportation industry. The young girls had the opportunity to attend Metro Board committees, receive valuable information on our Transportation Career Academy Program (T-CAP) and shadow Metro leaders and Board Directors as they shared their knowledge and expertise on how to effectively operate, govern, plan and build our extensive transportation system.

I would like to thank Metro Board members Hilda Solis, Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Sheila Kuehl, staff from Janice Hahn's Office, Metro professionals and Metro WGGC for their participation. We hope that this event sparked interest in public transportation and established a career pathway for these young students as we continue to focus on the advancement of women within our agency.



Go Metro to Banc of California Stadium: Metro & LAFC Partnership

Metro and the Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC) are partnering up to bring together a new community of soccer fans and make Going Metro part of their team culture.

Major League Soccer awarded a new team, LAFC, to Los Angeles in 2014. The team's new home is the 22,000-seat, state-of-the-art Banc of California Stadium, the first open-air stadium built in LA since Dodgers Stadium in 1962. The Banc of California Stadium officially opened on April 18, 2018 and is served by the Expo Line via Expo Park/USC Station. As part of the partnership, Metro produced the video below highlighting the transit connections to Banc of California Stadium.

As a partner in the Destination Discounts program, TAP card holders and Metro employees can save 10% on select merchandise at Banc of California Stadium at a match or any time at LAFC HQ, an LAFC retail experience, located at the stadium. I want to give a special thanks to Communications, TAP, and Operations for their work on this partnership and establishing Metro's role as a major part of our city's sports history.



WTS Presents Metro with the Honorable Ray LaHood Award

On Thursday evening, I had the honor of attending the WTS International Awards Gala in San Diego, CA and received the Honorable Ray LaHood Award. As a long time member and supporter of WTS who understands the value of protecting and listening to women, I was pleased to accept this award in the company of several Metro colleagues and transportation industry leaders. I am also proud to report that Metro was well represented in the conference agenda. Panelists for the different sessions included: Metro Chief Planning Officer Therese McMillan, Metro Senior Manager Meghna Khanna, Metro Director of Civil Rights Jonaura Wisdom and Metro Executive Officer Jenna Hornstock.

Good Samaritan Hospital Honors Metro with Golden Spoke Award

We hope you all had a chance to participate in bicycle festivities that have been taking place throughout the month of May for bicycle month. I am very pleased to announce that Metro was recently awarded the Golden Spoke Award by Good Samaritan Hospital at their annual "Blessing of the Bicycles" press event. The Golden Spoke Award is presented to various organizations for their contribution toward promoting bicycling throughout Los Angeles County. Metro was presented with the award this year for the agency's Bike Share program. Thank you to Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins and Communications Manager Dave Sotero for accepting this award on behalf of our agency.

First launched in downtown Los Angeles in July 2016, Metro's Bike Share Program has expanded to include Pasadena, Venice and Port of Los Angeles. The program now consists of 1,400 bicycles and up to 120 stations countywide. Metro plans future expansion of the system into additional neighborhoods within the downtown L.A. as well as Culver City, Marina Del Rey and West Los Angeles. Metro's Bike Share Program is one of the fastest growing systems of its kind in the country.

To date, more than 425,000 trips have been made on the bicycles, with over 1.3 million miles traveled. Metro has sold more than 14,000 bike share passes and the bikes have removed nearly 1.2 million pounds of carbon dioxide – a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change – from the air.



Halfway There Community Celebration for the Regional Connector Transit Project

This past Saturday, I joined Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles City Council Member Jose Huizar, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker and Community Leadership Council Member Dave Thompson to kick off the Half Way There community celebration for the Regional Connector Transit Project in Little Tokyo. The family-friendly event was free, open to the public, and filled with music, dance performances, crafts, and local vendors. I would like to thank local residents and business owners for their ongoing support and patience during the construction process for the Regional Connector Transit Project that it is now 50% complete.

The Metro Regional Connector Transit Project will allow passengers to transfer to Blue, Expo, Red and Purple Lines bypassing Union Station. The project will create a direct connection between Azusa and Long Beach and between Los Angeles and Santa Monica. Three new rail stations will serve the Little Tokyo/Arts District, Historic Broadway and Grand Ave Arts/Bunker Hill. The project is forecast to be completed by December 2021.





Workshop Held for LA Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements

Metro recently held the first community workshop as the Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements project moves forward into design. The workshop attracted approximately 40 community stakeholders whom provided their input on the project's active transportation features and design improvements to Father Serra Park.

The project aims to enhance safety and improve pedestrian and bicycle connections between Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) and surrounding communities. The anticipated start date for construction is in 2020. Metro will also be partnering with El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument to design improvements to Father Serra Park.

To learn more about the project, please click [here](#).



May Operations Employees of the Month

Metro Operations Department recognized employees from Transportation, Maintenance and Logistics during Thursday's System Safety, Security and Operations Committee Meeting as the department's May 2018 employees of the Month.

The Transportation Employee of the Month award was presented to Ms. Cenobia Segura, CCTV Observer at the Rail Operations Control Center (ROC). Ms. Segura has been with Metro for 16 years, beginning her career in 2002. She is an exemplary employee with excellent customer service skills and always willing to

help others. She is in charge of the supplies for CCTV and always takes care of the needs of the Observers. She goes above and beyond in her work duties and has assisted with CCTV Schedule proposals in the past and is one of the Observers used for training purposes due to her excellent work ethic. Ms. Segura is a favorite employee among her peers at the ROC due to her great attitude and sense of humor.

The Maintenance Employee of the Month award was presented to Mr. Johnny Choi, Rail Equipment Supervisor at Division 22, Lawndale. Mr. Choi is a 20 year employee who started with Metro in 1998. During this time, he has proven to be a dedicated and hardworking employee with a commitment to improving the operation and identifying opportunities to make his areas of responsibility more efficient. He goes above and beyond in his performance and assists staff in dealing with parts obsolesce, planning, and implementation of several modification to the rail car. In addition, Mr. Choi was instrumental to our success during the Crenshaw tie-in as he was tasked with supervising the staff at our satellite location at the Blue Line. He coordinated maintenance activities that required shop space at the Blue Line with ROC, Blue and Green Line yard and did an exceptional job.

The Logistics Employee of the Quarter award was presented to Ms. Bailey Barcenas, Stock Clerk at Division 3, Los Angeles. Ms. Barcenas has been with Metro for 3 years beginning her career in 2015. She has demonstrated exceptional customer service throughout her employment. She has worked at different Metro locations and is always being complimented by the Maintenance Directors, Managers, Supervisors and customers for her positive attitude and willingness to help. Taking on new challenges has allowed Ms. Bailey to gain knowledge from the different job classifications within Logistics. Earlier this year, she received the Division 3 Maintenance employee of the month award for her exceptional work performance and her customer service skills. This award is usually given to Maintenance employees. For a Logistics employee to receive this award, speaks to her character and commitment to providing excellent customer service. We thank Ms. Barcenas for the incredible work she has done within her department and for being a key part of Metro's success. Congratulations to each one of our Operations Employees of the Month.



Procurement Postings

Telephone System Maintenance (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services for maintenance, service, and repair of our

telephone system network. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, May 17, 2018 through Friday, September 14, 2018.

Metro is seeking a contractor to provide maintenance, service, and repair of our telephone system network, consisting of Nortel Networks (NORTEL/AVAYA) Private Branch Exchanges (PBXs), CISCO Call Managers, associated application servers, and ancillary 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.

Customer Care Department Uniforms (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure uniforms for the Customer Care Department. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday May, 17 through Thursday July 5, 2018.

Metro's Customer Care Department has four distinct groups which include Customer Information, TAP Information, Customer Relations, and Customer Programs and Services. Customer Care works directly with the public providing various services including disseminating route, schedule and fare information; smartcard and bike program services, gathering customer comments, fare media sales and reduced fare programs. Metro is seeking a qualified vendor to provide uniform services for eligible Metro employees. Uniforms shall be sold and distributed to approximately 190 represented employees.

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

Workers Compensation Investigation Services Bench (RFIQ) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Information and Qualifications (RFIQ) to establish a bench of qualified firms who can provide Workers Compensation Investigation Services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, May 25, 2018 through Friday, September 7, 2018.

Metro's Risk Management Department is seeking firms who will be available to provide the following type of investigations related to workers compensation claims: Arising Out of Employment/Course of Employment (AOE/COE) Investigations, Activity Checks, Surveillance, Special Investigations/General Investigations, Data Mining/Social Media Investigation and Reporting.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ana Rodriguez, Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 922-1076.

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

Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project: Continuous Street Closure 52nd St at Crenshaw Blvd

As part of Metro's Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC) will be working on the at-grade crossing at Crenshaw Bl and 52nd St starting at 9 am, on Monday, May 21, 2018. This will require the full continuous street closure of 52nd St at Crenshaw Bl for 72 hours.

Metro Purple Line Extension Project: Sidewalk Closure - Wilshire between Hamilton and Gale

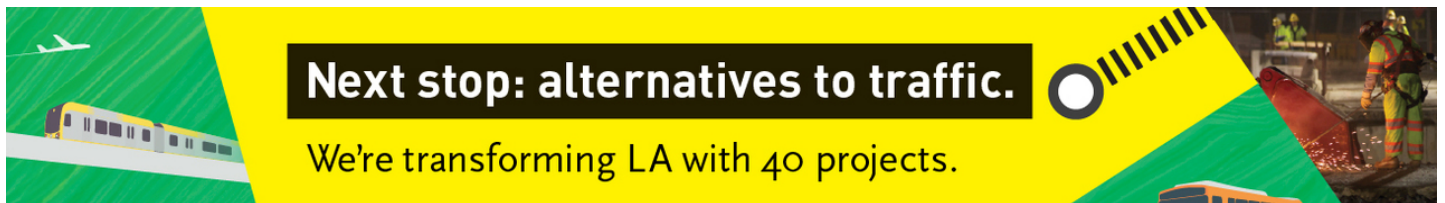
Starting Monday, May 7 to Monday, May 21 the sidewalk on the north side of Wilshire Blvd. will be closed between Hamilton Dr. and Gale Dr. to facilitate utility work and to continue work on the Gale Yard sound wall bump out. For more details click the underlined title above.

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

"The true secret of happiness lies in taking a genuine interest in all the details of daily life."

~ William Morris

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