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Metro Proudly Celebrates Black History Month

We are pleased to join Metro's African American Employees Association (AAEA) and the rest of the country in formally celebrating Black History Month throughout the month of February. The month-long celebration began in 1976 following a history of various celebrations by Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland. February was the chosen month to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

This is a month to celebrate the numerous accomplishments, achievements, advancements and broken barriers made by Black and African Americans throughout United States history. At Metro, we want to especially acknowledge trailblazers in the transportation and infrastructure industries and recognize the many Black and African American leaders within the Metro workforce. A few events to celebrate Black History include:

Honoring African-American Leaders: Stephanie Wiggins and Gloria Gray

Monday, February 11, 2019

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Union Station, Ticket Concourse Room

Profiles in Leadership: a Discussion with African-American Leaders in Transportation

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Metro Board Room, 3rd Floor Gateway

Spoken Word Thursday, February 14, 2019

Time/Location: TBD

A Casual Conversation at the Forum on Construction Law

Last week, I was pleased to join lawyers in the construction industry for a casual conversation with Thomas Rosenberg, attorney at Roetzel & Andress, at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. About 500 lawyers were in attendance from throughout the United States. I spoke at the program's Diversity Breakfast where I informed the audience of Metro's current construction projects, plans for the future, as well as the impact Metro's construction plans will have on job creation and economic development. I also discussed my experiences with P3 projects in Denver, and Metro's commitment to workforce development. There were many young lawyers in attendance interested in improving their home cities and towns through infrastructure construction and workforce development. The American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law, is an organization of over 4,200 construction lawyers and is the largest organization of construction lawyers in the world. I want to thank the association for inviting Metro to the conversation.

New Blue Spurs Youth Career Experience

Last week, I attended Metro's Youth Career Experience Program Build-A-Station workshop at the Rail Operations Control Center. A diverse group of Compton High School 9th grade students had the opportunity to participate in a learning activity to learn basic planning techniques, basic development of a project budget, and simple project scheduling. The goal of this project is to educate and employ the emerging workforce to the careers that exist within the transportation industry, more specifically, at Metro.

The Metro Youth Career Experience Program will be conducting five modules in attempt to accomplish the following:

- Provide a platform for students to start a conversation with peers, teachers and mentors about pursuing a potential career in transportation infrastructure,
- Expose students to the development stages and strategies involved in a capital improvement project affecting their local community, and
- Educate students to the career paths that exist within the industry.

Thank you to the staff in the Human Capital & Development department for initiating this effort and to Executive Officer, Program Management, Capital Projects Timothy Lindholm and Deputy Executive Officer - Project Management Brad Owen for participating at this event.

Procurement Postings

Division 5 Hoist Replacements (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a contractor to design and construct the removal of one existing in-ground lift and one platform lift at Division 5 and replace with new lift and new platform systems.

This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 4, 2019 to June 30, 2019.

One existing hoist at the Maintenance Bay is close to 15 years old. Replacing it with new and improved model is needed in order to service the articulated buses (60 feet). The Steam Clean Bay bus lift, due to the

wet environment, is severely corroded and could become unsafe to use. The new lift will have the rust resistant coating system.

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.

Engine Cooling System Kits (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Engine Cooling System Kits. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, February 1, 2018 through Friday, June 28, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of complete engine cooling system kits for the Cummins engines 8500-8600 bus series needed to maintain the 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.

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, I-5

Regional Connector: Deck Panel Removal for Excavation on Flower St

Excavation of the tunnel box below Flower St continues in downtown Los Angeles as part of efforts to connect the Regional Connector Transit Project to the existing 7th St/Metro Center Station. In order to effectively build the tunnel box, crews will remove segments of the road deck panels on weekdays during daytime hours, between 5th and 6th St with minimal impacts to the traveling public. To learn more, click [here](#) for the full construction notice.

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

"Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others."

~ Rosa Parks

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