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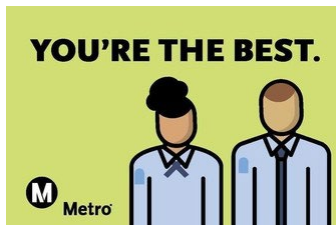
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Transit Driver Appreciation Day

Give thanks to your bus or rail operators for all their hard work in keeping LA on the go every day. Operating a bus or train is a highly skilled job that takes many hours of dedicated training and development. Our frontline employees are some of the best in the industry and are the true experts of our system. Please join me in thanking our operators today and every day for safely moving millions of people to their destinations throughout Los Angeles County. *Thank You* cards have been available in breakrooms at Gateway and at the General Services front desk - it is not too late to show your operator you care by filling one out and giving it to them.



Profiles in Leadership: Women's History Month

This morning, Metro employees gained important insight and knowledge on professional development and career paths at the Profiles in Leadership panel celebrating Women's History Month. We had an excellent balance of experienced women leaders at Metro. Deputy Chief Operations Officer Lisa Woodruff joined

Deputy Executive Officer of System Security & Law Enforcement Anabelle Hernandez, Executive Officer of Customer Care Gail Harvey and Interim Executive Officer of DEOD Shalonda Baldwin for a lively discussion on women in transportation.

Attendees learned about how Shalonda Baldwin guided a high profile construction mitigation project into the success it is today and how Gail Harvey is staying ahead of changes in how we serve our customers and keep them informed of our services and programs. This discussion was also an excellent opportunity to meet two new leaders at Metro, Lisa Woodruff and Anabelle Hernandez. The audience learned about Lisa's leadership style and her vision for LA Metro. Anabelle informed the audience of the need to have confidence and her appreciation for LA Metro's open-mind and drive for innovation. I want to thank our incredible women leaders who participated in this panel and look forward to the outstanding work they will continue to deliver for Metro.



Women's History Month Leadership Spotlight - Sonja R. Owens

It is well known, as many had seen in our *Trailblazers: Women Move LA* video, that Metro has a trove of women employees who have proudly served LA County transit for decades. This week, we are proud to spotlight a 33-year Metro employee from our Operations team. Ms. Sonja R. Owens began her journey on February 17, 1986 at Southern California Rapid Transit District (RTD) as a Labor Relations Analyst in the Operations Department. About two years later, she was asked to move to the Employee/Labor Relations Department where she worked on grievances for Non-Contract, UTU, ATU, Teamsters and TCU, along with being involved in Union Negotiations.

Sonja's skills with strategy and relations were quickly being recognized. In 1988, she was promoted to Labor Relations Manager and was asked to continue her duties in Employee/Labor Relations in addition to the supervision of Manpower for Operations, as well as other administrative departments within Operations. After several years of professional development, accountability and leadership of her roles, Sonja was promoted to Director of Transportation Operations and have supervised Operations staff at a majority of Metro divisions since 1996.

On a personal note, her father served in the United States Air Force. As a child and into her teens, Sonja was fortunate to live in Ramstein, Germany and travel throughout Europe. She has also lived in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Richmond, Virginia, and Little Rock, Arkansas. She has a wonderful adult son who she enjoys spending time with and is very proud of with his accomplishments in the entertainment field. Sonja attended Lemoyne-Owen College in Memphis, Tennessee and received a B.S. Degree in Health and Physical Education. Metro appreciates Sonja's service to the people of Los Angeles county and thank her for 33 years of dedicated work in Metro's core business of transit operations.



Metro Participates in Mentorship of Veterans with Fort Hood Visit

In efforts to upkeep the vision of our Five-Point Plan, Metro Veteran Program Manager Dennis Tucker assisted in supporting the efforts in partnership with 3/16th Field Artillery unit in Fort Hood, TX. The mentorship opportunity is a collaborated partnership with the largest Army installation in the United States and the Commander of the 3/16 Field Artillery Unit.

I was pleased to provide remarks regarding my transition from military to civilian life, answer several questions from senior leaders, participate in the change of responsibility ceremony, interact with senior non-commissioned officers, and tour the installation at Fort Hood. The strategic message for key leaders and senior non-commissioned officers was how the transition from military to civilian can become easier if we start building our network, use our transferrable skills, change our way of speaking, and play to our strengths by utilizing that one component that all service-members have knowledge of and have, which we often forget, “LEADERSHIP”.

Lastly, thanks to Metro Human Capital and Development, in collaboration with Talent Management Department, and every person that assisted in these efforts to ensure our organization was well represented in full force at this great site visit.



Eco-Drive: Leading the Way for Future Connected Vehicles

On Wednesday, March 6, Metro and other public-private partners demonstrated Los Angeles County's first Signal Phase and Timing (SPaT) pilot project, leading the way for future Connected Vehicles. The pilot project, called “Eco-Drive”, uses the data from the traffic signal to display speed and signal countdown information on a smartphone or tablet. By providing driver feedback on freight trucks, there is an opportunity

for truck drivers to make better decisions when approaching an intersection. The pilot project will be evaluated for one year on two streets in the City of Carson. The intent of the pilot is to measure reduction in key pollutants and greenhouse gases (GHGs) and energy use on heavy-duty trucks.

Metro's Highway Program ITS Group, Steve Gota and Ed Alegre, helped the Port of Los Angeles, South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), and Volvo Group to pursue State funding for two separate Eco-Drive projects. Both projects successfully received funding from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the California Energy Commission (CEC). Other partners include City of Carson, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, UC Riverside, Gateway Cities COG, Econolite, and McCain, Inc.



Meeting with LA Business Coalition for the Economy and Jobs

Last week, I attended a meeting with the Los Angeles Coalition for the Economy & Jobs (The LA Coalition), an organization of leaders from the region's business, labor, academic, and non-profit communities to advance sound policy initiatives that will help to responsibly grow the economy and create jobs throughout the LA region. I had an opportunity to provide an overview of Metro's mobility agenda including our programs and projects. Specifically, I informed them about our capital projects, our transportation school, our local hire initiative and our current drive for the Full Funding Grant Agreement for Westside Purple Line Extension Section 3. The group was very interested and enthusiastic about our Metro update especially the transportation school and our Rebuilding America initiative. I appreciate the LA Coalition's invite to present the latest work going on at Metro and look forward to continuing our partnership to advance the LA region.

Procurement Postings

Metro Personnel Hiring Process Study (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the services of a contractor to determine if

LACMTA's non-contract personnel hiring process is efficient and effective and make recommendations as appropriate. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, March 11, 2019 through Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

Metro is seeking the services of an experienced contractor to provide a non-contract personnel hiring process study.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Marc Margoni, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1304.

Glass Repair at Metro Headquarters (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking the services of a licensed and experienced glazier to repair and replace glazing located at Metro's Union Station East Complex. The Complex includes, but is not limited to the 26 level Metro Headquarters Building, the 4 level subterranean parking garage, the East Portal Passenger Concourse and the Patsaouras Transit Plaza. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement blackout period is expected to run from March 15, 2019 through July 15, 2019.

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

ATMS Battery Plant Replacement at Five Sites (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to replace the Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS) battery plants at five Metro locations. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 19, 2019 through May 31, 2019.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified contractor to conduct the installation, commissioning, removal, disposal, testing, and training of communications for the ATMS battery plants at the five designated sites.

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.

Scaffolding at the Red Line Passenger Stations (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Scaffolding at the Red Line Passenger Stations per specifications on file at the Office of Procurement, 1 Gateway Plaza (9th Floor), Los Angeles, CA 90012. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 25, 2019 through July 01, 2019.

Metro is seeking a contractor to supply labor and equipment to erect and dismantle scaffolding platforms at multiple Red Line passenger stations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Josie Mellen, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1105.

Bosch BVMS Software Upgrade (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a consultant to provide software upgrade services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, March 20, 2019 through Friday, July 12, 2019.

Metro is seeking the services of a consultant to upgrade Metro's Bosch Video Management Software.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Victor Zepeda, Contract Administrator at zepedav@metro.net.

Engine Coolant (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Engine Coolant. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday March 19, 2019 through Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

Coolant is used in all vehicles to prevent the engine from freezing and overheating, as well as protecting the engine's cooling system from corrosion. 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.

Division 21 Midway Yard Improvements (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) on Friday, March 22, 2019. This is a design-build project which involves improvements to the Car Cleaning Platform and the Main Shop Building, located at the Metro Gold Line Division 21 Midway Yard Improvements Project at 1800 Baker Street Los Angeles, CA 90012. Per specifications on file at the Office of Procurement, 1 Gateway Plaza (9th Floor), Los Angeles, CA 90012. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 22, 2019 through July 01, 2019.

Metro is seeking a contractor to install a mop wash sink at the Car Cleaning Platform with water service and sewer pipe connection to an existing sewer system. Modify existing steel guard rails to include removable galvanized steel chain rails with snap swivel and eyelets welded posts hooks on the south end of platform. Provide a slip-resistant floor mat for safety usage of the mop service sink.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Josie Mellen, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1105.

Metro Blue Line TPPS Feeder Cable (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Metro Blue Line TPPS Feeder Cable. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, March 12, 2019 through Friday, May 10, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of approximately 80,000 feet of high voltage electrical TPPS feeder cable for Metro's Blue Line.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aryani L. Guzman, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

Guard Houses (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for building and installation of five Guard Houses at three Bus Yards per specifications on file at the Office of Procurement, 1 Gateway Plaza (9th Floor), Los Angeles, CA 90012. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 18, 2019 through June 01, 2019.

Metro is seeking a contractor to build and install five guardhouses to provide a fixed duty post for security personnel. This is a turnkey project to provide functional guard booths at several locations within Metro.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Josie Mellen, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1105.

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](#).

"My mother told me to be a lady. And for her, that meant be your own person, be independent."

~ Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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