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Women's History Month Leadership Spotlight - Janice K. Hahn

Metro is proud to close out our leadership spotlight for Women's History Month with Metro Board Member and Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Janice K. Hahn. Supervisor Hahn was elected to represent LA County's Fourth Supervisorial District in November 2016. Supervisor Hahn was born into a family of elected officials with a passion for public service. She has followed the footsteps of her father, the celebrated LA County Supervisor Kenny Hahn – Champion of Prop A in 1980 and visionary of the Metro Blue Line that brought light rail back to LA County. Supervisor Hahn is committed to public service to improve the lives of working class families, fight for living wages, advocate for clean air and reduction of Port of Los Angeles pollution, support affordable healthcare, prioritize job creation and plenty more.

Prior to her election to the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Hahn served on the Los Angeles City Council from 2001 to 2011 and then won California's 36th Congressional District special election in 2011 for a seat in the United States House of Representatives. The City Council District and then congressional district encompassed the San Pedro Harbor and included the diverse communities of Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, San Pedro, Watts and Wilmington. Since her time on the City Council and Congress, she has been a steadfast proponent for women's health and advancing the rights of women. She continues to push for fair pay, training, access and opportunities for women in the workforce.

As Los Angeles County Supervisor, Hahn continues to fight to improve the quality of life for her constituents and for Los Angeles County. She has invested billions of dollars into building affordable public housing, improving public parks, renovating local libraries, and more all the while securing the funding necessary to build a series of ambitious transportation projects to ease congestion and revolutionize mobility. As Metro

Board Member, she has been an outstanding partner of the Women Build LA organization, promoting training and opportunities for women to begin a career in the building trades. She has also been a leader of increased access to affordable public transportation for students, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and older adults; expanding the U-Pass Program for students; and increasing enrollment in the rider-relief LIFE program for qualifying low income individuals. Metro thanks Supervisor Hahn for her decades of public service and looks forward to her work in improving mobility for residents and visitors of Los Angeles County.



Purple Line Extension Project Honors Women's History Month

Metro is a strong advocate for the professional development of women leaders in transportation and infrastructure. We are committed to providing the training, tools and opportunities to support the advancement of women in our transportation industries. Through the work of Metro's Talent Development, Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department and other teams within the agency, Metro strives to expose, educate and employ our next generation of leaders.

Given that women currently make up less than 3% of the construction trade workforce, the Purple Line Extension is honoring some of the women that are advancing equality in the workplace.

Click [here](#) to learn about the extraordinary women working on our Purple Line Extension Project in many different roles.



Velma // DEO Real Estate

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Dianna // Field Engineer II, Section 1

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March 2019 Operations Employees of the Month

Metro Operations Department recognized some employees from Transportation and Maintenance during Thursday's Operations, Safety, and Customer Experience Meeting as the department's March 2019 Employees of the Month.

The Transportation Employee of the Month award was presented to Mr. Julio Gallo, Bus Operator, Division 1. Mr. Gallo began his career in 1986 and is an outstanding employee with a great operating record. For 30 years, he has not had a chargeable accident. Mr. Gallo has never served a suspension for any reason and has never attended a formal hearing. In addition to the great operating records, he has an exceptional attendance and punctuality record. Mr. Gallo is well respected by his peers and is given small tokens of appreciation by his passengers such as 'thank you' cards and notes. Staff has highlighted his accomplishments on the Awards and Recognition board at the division.

The Maintenance Employee of the Month award was presented to Ms. Alicia Linares, Mechanic A at Division 13. Ms. Linares has been with Metro for 18 years, beginning her career in 2001. Division 13 has been in Operation for three years, and during those years, Ms. Linares has been a valuable member of the 2nd shift and a major contributor in our efforts to establish the division. She accepts all challenges and assignments with a willingness and enthusiasm unrivaled by none. The consistency and accuracy of her work has gained the respect of her peers and management team. The success and accomplishments of the Division are in large part due to her dedication and superior work ethic. Ms. Linares is often called upon to speak to the various groups touring Division 13 which include the Womens and Girls Governing Council and The Girl Scouts of America. Her actions are a great reflection and distinguished example of an exemplary Metro employee. Congratulations to our two employees of the month and thank you for the many years of outstanding service to LA County Metro.



Metro Participates in 2019 LA County Women Veterans Summit

Last Friday, Metro and collaborative partners County of Los Angeles, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), Department of Mental Health, American Red Cross Los Angeles-Region, and Los Angeles Sparks united to bring the City of Los Angeles the 2019 LA County Women Veterans Summit. Our panel “SPARK the TRUE You” which included Chief Deputy Director MVA Stephanie Stone, LA Sparks Pro Athlete Karlie Samuelson, Director of Veterans of Media Entertainment (VME) Barbara Austin, and Metro Executive Officer Talent Management Patrice McElroy, discussed Women in Leadership roles and challenges they face. Patrice spoke extensively on our strategic workforce plan and our veteran hiring initiative because Metro believes veterans have received exceptional training in the military, including leadership and personal responsibility and possess the technical skill sets necessary to meet Metro’s future hiring needs.

The event was attended by over 400 guests who included for the very first time male veterans who showed support for their counterparts and service members. This special occasion provided an opportunity for veterans of all branches of the military to come together and receive support and vital services to help improve their lives. The 2019 Women Veteran Summit hosted 5 employers and 25 veteran service organizations with services that include employment, housing and legal assistance, dental care, workshops, medical and vision exams, mental health counseling, clothing distribution, makeovers, social security benefits, and much more.

I want to thank Ruth Wong, Brigadier General-USAF (Retired) Director of Military & Veterans Affairs, Dr. Jonathan Sherin, Director- Department of Mental Health, Lauren Trosclair-Duncan, Director of Service to the Armed Forces-American Red Cross, and the Planning Committee for organizing the 2019 LA County Women Veteran Summit. Also, big thanks to Metro Veterans Program along with Metro TAP Department, who assisted in coordinating the efforts of this great event on behalf of Metro.



Regional Connector Hosts First Project Update Meeting of 2019

At the first project update meeting of the year, Regional Connector project staff shared the latest news on construction progress, future street restoration plans, and information on the Eastside Access Improvements Project.

In summary, work on station boxes is proceeding according to plan and efforts are now focused on rebar and concrete placement. Notably, it was announced that the crossover cavern excavation at the Historic Broadway Station is now complete, marking one of the project's biggest accomplishments to date. At the meeting, the project also created a forum for stakeholders to review and ask questions about proposed street restoration plans, which will be the final phase of construction once the new alignment is built.

Lastly, staff from the Eastside Access Improvements project showcased their plans to implement streetscape, pedestrian safety, and bicycle access enhancements to the one-mile radius around the future Little Tokyo/Arts District Station. This project is in the final design phase and anticipates starting construction by 2021–22.



Crochet Workshop with Metro Artists Reveals the Power of Co-creation with Community

A public “Crochet Jam” was recently hosted at the Japanese American Community & Cultural Center as a creative opportunity for the public to learn about the inspiration for the future underground Little Tokyo/Arts District Station artwork. To see photos from the event and the collaboratively produced crochet work, read the full story on [The Source](#).



Procurement Postings

WB SR 91 - Alondra to Shoemaker (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit the preparation of a strategic plan, roadmap and other services for the LA SAFE Program. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 28, 2019 through June 27, 2019.

Metro will seek proposals from well-qualified professional and technical firms to prepare plans, specifications and estimates with the option to provide construction support services for the improvement of the Westbound State Road 91 from Alondra Boulevard to Shoemaker Avenue.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by DeValory Donahue, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4726.

Bathroom Cleaner (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Bathroom Cleaner. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, March 27, 2019 through Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of bathroom cleaner needed to maintain clean facilities throughout the agency. 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.

Degreaser Cleaner (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Degreaser Cleaner. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, March 27, 2019 through Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of degreaser cleaner needed to maintain clean facilities throughout the agency. 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.

Hybrid Mid-Size SUVs - Response Vehicles (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Hybrid Mid-Size Sports Utility Vehicles (SUV). **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, March 20, 2019 through Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of four (4) Hybrid Mid-Size SUVs to replace existing vehicles in the current fleet to support bus and rail operations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Jean M. Davis, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1041.

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, I-5

Regional Connector: Deck Panel Removal for Excavation on Flower St

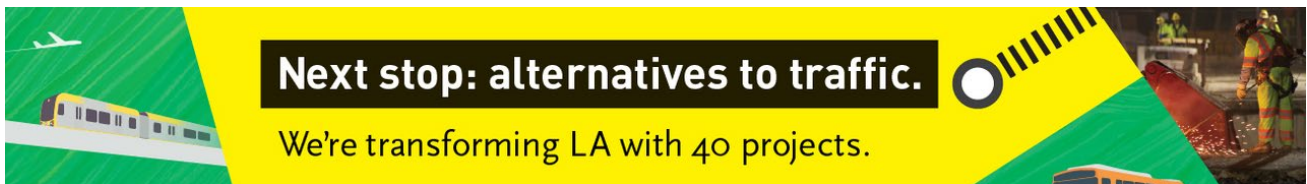
Excavation of the tunnel box below Flower St continues in downtown Los Angeles as part of efforts to connect the Regional Connector Transit Project to the existing 7th St/Metro Center Station. In order to effectively build the tunnel box, crews will remove segments of the road deck panels on weekdays 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.](#)

"If we mean to have heroes, statesmen and philosophers, we should have learned women."

~ Abigail Adams

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