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Metro Celebrates LA Pride Participating in the Annual Parade

Yesterday, Metro participated in the annual LA Pride parade in West Hollywood. Metro has been a part of the parade since its inception - this was the first time we were able to showcase our first ever fully wrapped "Ride with Pride" bus. Thanks to LA County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Sheila Kuehl who included our Metro contingent, following directly behind her entry. Metro Commute Services Director Devon Deming organized a group of volunteers to march ahead of the bus down the 2-mile parade route on Santa Monica Boulevard. Hundreds of thousands of people cheered along the parade route and more watched the live broadcast on ABC 7. This was a great way to show support for the LGBTQ community and interact with the local community that Metro bus Division 7 operates within. Thanks to all of our volunteers as well as the Metro Marketing, Operations and Community Relations teams for the collaboration and work that went into organizing this Metro representation. See additional photos and videos on Out@Metro's Facebook [page](#).

To continue the Pride month celebrations, join Out@Metro this Thursday, June 13, from 12:30 to 1:30 PM in the Metro Board Room for a presentation by Metro Librarian Matthew Barrett and Director of Local Government & External Affairs Jody Litvak on the history of LGBTQ Pride at Metro. Out@Metro will also be holding a Meet & Greet that evening at 5:00 PM at District at The Bloc at 7th Metro Center. Come out and celebrate with your fellow employees.



NextGen Bus Study 6th Working Group Meeting

On May 29, our NextGen Team hosted its 6th workshop of our NextGen Working Group where we discussed how we are putting our Equity Platform into action through the NextGen Bus Study. Our objective was to articulate the actionable approach we have taken to the Equity Platform since initiating the Nextgen Bus Study 18 months ago. This meeting laid a foundation on the specific actions that the NextGen Bus Study can measure, evaluate and address.

The Working Group divided up into three facilitated breakout sessions where group members were asked (1) to assist in developing our NextGen Bus Plan and Equity Platform Measurements; (2) to identify key themes and messages to the Equity Platform and guiding principles development; and (3) to help identify future feedback mechanisms for the NextGen bus Study.

We are scheduled to come to the Metro Board in July 2019 with proposed bus service concepts and policy choices that will be used to analyze each of the 150 Metro bus routes. We expect to have a Draft Service Plan in September 2019 for public review.



Metro's Small Business Pilot Programs Provide Ongoing Support

Metro continues to provide support to small businesses impacted by transit rail construction through our innovative small business pilot programs – the Business Interruption Fund (BIF) and the Crenshaw/LAX Business Solution Center (BSC). Both programs launched in 2015 and have been instrumental in helping small businesses sustain and continue to thrive in communities as Metro builds for the future.

In recognition of more than four years of ongoing small business support, Metro released the second edition of the Small Business Report highlighting the BIF and BSC. The impacts of the programs are best summarized by the small business owners featured in the report. To learn about the unprecedented level of support these programs have brought to business communities impacted by Metro transit rail construction, view the report [here](#).

To continue to stay informed about Metro's BIF and BSC's efforts and accomplishments in supporting our small business communities visit metro.net/bif and metrobsc.net/crenshaw.

I want to thank members of our Diversity and Economic Opportunity team Paula Carvajal, BIF Manager; Jessica Spearman, Senior Transportation Planner; and Shalonda Baldwin, Interim Executive Officer for their continued work on these first-ever pilot programs.



Raised on Records Concert Series

Last Friday, 300 older adults traveled to El Pueblo de Los Angeles to enjoy an outdoor concert at Placita de Dolores. The “Raised on Records Concert Series” event was hosted by Metro Community Education’s On The Move Riders Program and Metro Art Presents. Attendees enjoyed Latin Jazz Music from The Susie Hansen Latin Band and were given a brief dance lesson provided by Metro’s own J.C. Lacey. Attendees received invaluable information from Access Services, Los Angeles Police Department, Metro’s LIFE program, Metro’s Accessibility Unit and Metro’s Mobile Customer Center. A special thank you to Public Relations and Marketing’s support which made the day a huge success. To learn more about how to connect to On The Move Riders Program, contact Lilly Ortiz at 213-922-2299.





Procurement Postings

Chemical Fire Suppression Testing & Certification (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released this week an Invitation to Bid (IFB) seeking the services of a qualified firm to provide annual and semi-annual inspections, recharging, hydrostatic testing and certification services for portable dry chemical, Pyro, Ansul and Halon flooding fire suppression systems, per the requirements of the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ), as per National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) 25 as amended by California Code of Regulations (CCR). **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Friday, June 7, 2019 through Monday, September 2, 2019.

The Chemical Fire Suppression Testing and Certification Services include: inspection, testing, repair, recharging, certification, fusible link replacement and hydrostatic testing of all integral components of chemical fire suppression systems.

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, (213) 922-4654.

Outside Printing Services Bench (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure outside printing services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, June 6, 2019 through Thursday, September 26, 2019.

Metro requires the services of qualified Contractors to print a variety of informational and promotional literature, brochures, pamphlets, newsletters, bus cards, posters and folders. Metro intends to establish a relationship with one or more vendors for a period of five years.

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

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, Purple Line Extension, 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.

Regional Connector: Excavation on Flower St Continues Southward

Work continues steadily below Flower St, with rebar and concrete installation between 4th and 5th St. South of 5th St, excavation and utility hanging is moving steadily towards the future connection to 7th St/Metro Center Station. Ultimately, some 108,000 cubic yards of soil will be excavated from beneath Flower St. Work will continue from May 8, 2017 and continue through summer 2019. Beginning Monday, June 3rd, 2019, additional work hours will be added from 2 pm to 11 pm.

Purple Line Extension Project: Utility Potholing below Wilshire Blvd

Utility potholing began to identify existing utilities below Wilshire Blvd. between Beverly Dr. and N. Crescent Dr. All work will be completed during non-peak hour traffic times. Lane closures and turn restrictions on Wilshire Blvd. will be required for this work. Two lanes will always be maintained on Wilshire Blvd. both eastbound and westbound. Communication efforts will be ongoing to provide stakeholders sufficient notice prior to work starting in specific areas.

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

"Hope will never be silent."

~ Harvey Milk

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