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Metro and MSRC Dodger Day to Celebrate the Successful Dodger Stadium Express Service

Yesterday, Metro Board Member and LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian and Metro Board Member and Caltrans District 7 Director John Bulinski joined California Air Resources Board Member Jack Kitowski aboard the Dodger Stadium Express (DSE) from Union Station to Dodger Stadium to participate in the first pitch and opening ceremony for the annual Metro and Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) Dodger Day. They were accompanied by former LA Dodgers catcher, Steve Yeager, MSRC Board Member alternate Mark Yamarone, City of Inglewood Executive Assistant Tunisia Johnson on behalf of Metro Board Chair, Mayor James T. Butts and a group of Metro employees. I hope that many of you were able to attend the annual event celebrating the successful DSE.

You can connect with the DSE at Union Station or at one of five transitway stations in the South Bay. The DSE service from Union Station and the South Bay are free with a game-day ticket. The DSE is a joint demonstration project made possible by Clean Transportation Funding from MSRC and Metro ExpressLanes. By using the Stadium Express, you're helping to bring cleaner air to our community by reducing traffic in Los Angeles County. Click [here](#) for Dodger Stadium Express information.



First Deployment of Metro Bikes in the San Fernando Valley

Last Wednesday, Metro Board Member and Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian joined Metro Senior Executive Officer Holly Rockwell and LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds to announce the official launch of Metro's Bike Share Program in the North Hollywood area. It is the agencies' first bike share installation in the San Fernando Valley. Sixteen new Metro Bike Share stations with up to 150 bicycles have now been installed in North Hollywood, Toluca Lake and Valley Village. An additional six stations and 50 bicycles will be added by the end of the year.

Metro has made its Smart Bikes available, which allow riders to lock their bikes at a Smart Metro Bike Station or, for a small convenience fee, lock them to available public bike racks within the service area, thus extending the convenience for riders to access destinations throughout the area. Bikes can be unlocked using a Metro TAP card via card reader that is installed directly on the bike, or they can unlock it using the official Metro Bike Share app available for iOS and Android phones. Rides on Smart Metro Bikes start at \$1.75 for every 30 minutes. For complete details on this latest Bike Share deployment, read The Source article, [here](#).





North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT Open House

Last Wednesday, we hosted an open house for the [North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT](#) project. Directors Hilda Solis and Ara Najarian joined me along with Assembly Member Wendy Carrillo and over 300 members of the public. Participants visited different information stations to learn about various aspects of the project where they could ask questions and interact with project team members. They also took advantage of multiple avenues to provide scoping comments. At the event, we received over 170 written comment cards, 10 comments submitted using tablets and dozens of people sat with court reporters to provide their comments verbally. I am pleased that this format successfully met our goal of providing a safe and equitable environment for all participants. It also resulted in a greater level of input and interaction than we normally get when we host a more traditional town hall style meeting. Many participants at the meeting thanked us for the format and have also been sharing their positive thoughts about it on social media. The extended scoping period for the project ends on August 15th. I would like to thank Community Relations for leading the effort to make this such a successful Metro event.



Sepulveda Transit Corridor Meetings a Success

This past week Metro completed its third round of community meetings for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project. Metro hosted three community meetings in the City of Los Angeles in the LAX area, West Los Angeles and Van Nuys and one community meeting in Culver City. Metro also hosted briefings for elected officials, public agency partners and news media to ensure broad public awareness for this critical transit project now in early planning. Staff is making the rounds to present to Metro's Service Councils for the San Fernando Valley, South Bay and Westside/Central regions. To date, more than 600 people have had the opportunity to hear an update on the latest refinements for Metro's feasibility study, which is evaluating three heavy rail transit concepts and one monorail transit concept. Metro staff successfully communicated to these stakeholders that Metro actively seeks community involvement in the evaluation of all concepts in this very early project phase. Metro anticipates concluding its feasibility study and recommending possible concepts

for further analysis during the environmental review process by the end of this year.



Metro to Hold Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project Industry Forum on August 15

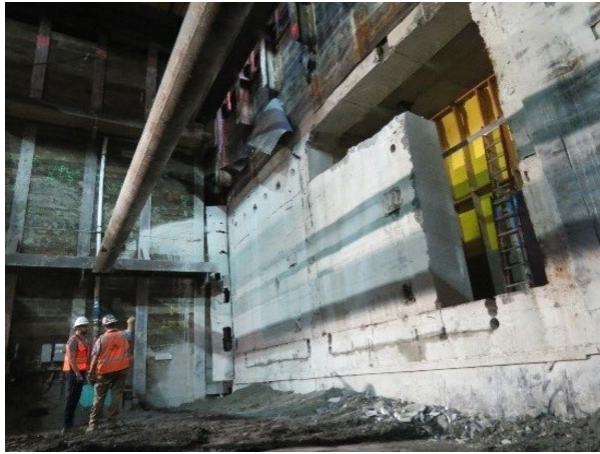
Metro will hold an industry forum for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project on August 15. The forum is intended to bring together private industry representatives interested in participating in Metro's Predevelopment Agreement, which could facilitate early contractor involvement in defining and designing this mega transit project. I look forward to participating in this exciting forum along with Metro Board Chair and Inglewood Mayor James Butts.

Regional Connector Breaks Through to the 7th St/Metro Center Station

Crews on the Regional Connector Transit Project have reached another milestone for the project and for the agency. The Regional Connector will connect the Gold Line to the Blue, and Expo Lines at the 7th St/Metro Center Station in downtown LA. This past week, crews broke through the concrete knock-out panel designed to connect the existing station with the new rail extension.

To demolish the concrete wall, crews used a diamond wire saw to cut each wall into six segments. The saw is anchored into the wall and a diamond-studded cable pulls the cable through the concrete like dental floss. Then, anchors were installed into each concrete segment, allowing crews to pull out the blocks, one at a time, like an oversized game of Jenga.

Excavation to build to the Flower St tunnel box has been progressing southward from 4th St towards 7th St since 2017, and reaching this point has been a lengthy process. Crews first replaced the street surface with temporary deck panels, then hung, protected and replaced hundreds of feet of utilities, and finally excavated the new tunnel one bucket at a time. Now that the project has reached the connecting point, crews will be able to integrate the new rail with the Blue/Expo track later in the construction process. The Regional Connector Transit Project is scheduled to open 2022.



A Summer of Festivals in Little Tokyo

It has been a summer of festivals in Little Tokyo. As a designated Environmental Justice community by the Federal Transit Administration, the Regional Connector Transit Project has certain commitments to uphold as it relates to construction mitigation to the community.

This year, the project helped bring and transport more than 4,800 visitors to the neighborhood with the “Little Tokyo Circulator” in the month of July to enjoy the vibrant culture and delicious food during Anime Expo and Obon Festival at the Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple. The Regional Connector project also provided similar shuttle services this past weekend during the Nisei Week Grand Parade on August 11th.

Visit GoLittleTokyo.com to learn more about the neighborhood and everything there is to discover.

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Learn more at golittletokyo.com.

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2019 National Night Out

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign which promotes police-community partnerships, crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie. On August 6, Metro Community Education (MCE) participated in a total of nine NNO events throughout the county near the Blue, Expo, Gold, and Crenshaw/LAX Rail Lines. Staff hosted Transit Safety resource tables and activities in Azusa, Compton, Duarte, Glendale, Los Angeles (including East, Southeast and Southwest LA), Santa Monica, and at Union Station. In total, MCE engaged with over 1,800 kids and adults to help create and maintain a safety culture around our tracks and trains and to provide information on how to Go Metro! To learn more about how to connect to Metro Community Education, contact Jaime Arroyo at 213-922-7012.



Procurement Postings

Engine Piston Kits (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Engine Piston Kits. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, August 9, 2019 through Friday, December 13, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of engine piston kits 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.

Crenshaw/LAX Northern Extension Transit Corridor (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a qualified Architectural and Engineering firm to perform engineering services and environmentally clear the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Northern Extension Transit Corridor project. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 12, 2019 through Friday, February 7, 2020.

The qualified firm shall prepare an Environmental Impact Report that builds on work previously completed in the Feasibility/Alternatives Analysis studies. The work shall include Advanced Conceptual Engineering for up to three route alternatives. Options for further study include Preliminary Engineering for the preferred alternative and additional environmental studies to satisfy federal funding requirements.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Gina Romo, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7558.

Valve - PSV (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure Valve – PSV. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, August 14, 2019 through Friday, November 29, 2019.

Metro is seeking a vendor to supply Valve – PSV on an as needed basis for a twelve-month period with a one (1) year option for additional quantities. This procurement is required 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 Juelene Close, Sr. Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1066.

P2000 Siemens Light Rail Vehicle Brake Pad (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure the P2000 Siemens Light Rail Vehicle Brake Pads. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, August 15, 2019 through Thursday, October 31, 2019.

The Brake Pads are used on the Braking system of the Light Rail Cars. When the brakes are applied the pads work with the friction braking surface of the disc to slow and stop the rail cars.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Sr. Manager, Contract Administration at (213) 922-1025.

Construction Notices: Purple Line Extension, Regional Connector, Orange Line, I-5

Purple Line Extension Project: Weekend Utility Work on Wilshire Blvd.

The design-build contractor for the Purple Line Extension Project Section 2 continues utility work on Wilshire Blvd. between El Camino Dr. and Crescent Dr. Work includes potholing, sewer line relocation, water line relocation, and storm drain replacement. To expedite work, these activities will continue weekends beginning July 20, 2019 through September 29, 2019 from 8am to 8pm. Lane closures, crosswalk closures, and sidewalk closures will be required for this work. One lane will remain open in each direction on Wilshire Blvd.

Regional Connector: Pile Installation on Alameda St and Temple St

RCC will continue utility investigation in preparation for pile installation along northbound Alameda St, within the Mangrove yard and at Temple St. Anticipate lane reductions on Alameda St and Temple St. Pile installation is anticipated to begin within the Mangrove yard on Monday, July 29, 2019, and continue for approximately four months.

Anticipated work hours are:

- Monday through Friday, from 7 am to 9 pm
- Saturday, from 8 am to 6 pm

Temporary closure of Orange Line North Hollywood Station Bus Terminal to start July 28

Metro plans to convert its entire fleet of buses to zero emission buses by 2030. The first phase of the transition will launch on the Orange Line with the deployment of battery electric buses. To accommodate the new buses, Metro will be installing bus charging stations at the Orange Line North Hollywood Station. Due to this construction activity, the Orange Line North Hollywood bus terminal will be closed beginning Sunday, July 28, through Oct. 31.

The temporary pick up/drop off locations will be relocated to the following:

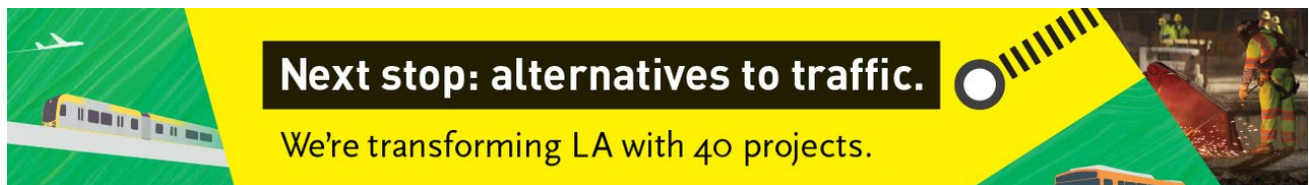
- Board buses at northwest corner of Lankershim and Chandler.
- Exit buses at southeast corner of Lankershim and Cumpston.

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

"If there is a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, you must be the one to write it."

~ Toni Morrison

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