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Metro Board Directors Host Update on West Santa Ana Branch Project

Last Wednesday, I participated in a briefing on the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Transit Corridor Project hosted by Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Janice Hahn and Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro 2nd Vice Chair Hilda Solis. Inglewood Mayor and Metro Chair James Butts also addressed the group of about 60 individuals who included local elected officials and staff from along the project corridor, representatives for state and federal officials, the Gateway Cities COG and Eco-Rapid. Metro staff from Planning and OEI provided an update on the status including efforts to pursue Public-Private Partnership (P3) opportunities to potentially accelerate delivery of this project.

This 19-mile light rail transit line, currently in the planning phase, will connect southeast Los Angeles County to downtown Los Angeles. It is one of the four pillar projects under the Twenty-Eight x 2028 Plan approved by the Metro Board. I'd like to thank our staff from Community Relations, OEI, Planning and Program Management for their support at this event. For more information, please visit the project [website](#) or contact Julia Brown at brownju@metro.net.

The Metro Family Provides Excellent Support When Called to Action

I want to recognize some recent team work displayed within our own Metro family that prevented an employee from experiencing a significant shortage in his paycheck at no fault of his own. Following a computer system glitch, an employee from the Non-Revenue department noticed his pay check was showing to be significantly short which led to his supervisor reaching out to Metro Accounting and Talent Acquisition teams. The two departments swiftly worked together to identify and isolate the problem, determine the retro

calculation of payment and expedited the submission through Accounting. Metro is a professional organization and the quick action that went into remedying this error is testament to this professionalism. Accounting staff contacted Information Management in an effort to ensure this system glitch does not reoccur.

We thank these employees for showing excellence in Service and Support to our own Metro staff: Accounting Manager Lowelyn Ramirez, Accounting Operations Specialists' Vanessa Ramirez and Bridgette Travenia, Senior Director of Special Projects Alisha Hornsby and Departmental Systems Analyst Jonathan Canton.

Prepared Not Scared - National Preparedness Month

This September, Metro will be observing National Preparedness Month (NPM) in addition to Rail Safety Month. NPM is sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is recognized each September to promote personal, community, and business disaster and emergency planning.

Last Thursday, September 5, Metro Emergency Preparedness team hosted a lunch and learn with industry leaders who spoke about emergency preparedness and what local jurisdictions are doing to prepare their communities. Metro will host several more employee and public outreach events including a tour of Metro's Mobile Operations Command Center which will also highlight emergency preparedness and operational services at Metro.

Information Tables

Stop by for giveaways and pickup information on how to prepare for disaster and emergency events.

Date: Tuesday, September 10 – Monday, September 30

Time: Varies by location

Where: All divisions and Metro locations

Mobile Operations Command Center Tours

Come out during your break and get a quick 10-minute tour of Metro's Mobile Operations Command Center.

Date: Thursday, September 19

Time: 1– 3 p.m.

Where: Gateway, Patsaouras Plaza near Union Station

TAP Wearables to be Sold at Select Metro Rail Stations Starting Tomorrow

Wear your fare – Last month we announced the rolling launch of TAP wearables with TAP Flex being the first available product in the line of wearables. Starting tomorrow, all TAP wearables will be sold at pop-up locations for three days at the following Metro Rail stations:

Tuesday, September 10 – **Union Station Gold Line**, 6:00 am- 9:00 am

Wednesday, September 11 – **7th/Metro Center Station** (Hope Street platform), 6:00 am – 9:00 am

Thursday, September 12 – **North Hollywood Station**, 6:00 am – 9:00 am

TAP wearables are a new line of products that include the TAP Stretch and TAP Flex wristbands, as well as the TAP Mini key fob. All TAP wearables work just like a regular TAP card and can be used on any agency that accepts TAP. You can load Stored Value and passes onto them and register them at taptogo.net. TAP wearables are also sold at all Metro Customer Center locations while supplies last.

Reload your TAP wearables online at taptogo.net, by calling 866.TAPTOGO, at over 450 TAP vendor locations and at all TAP vending machines.



Procurement Postings

Fitness Center Management Services (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to establish a contracting opportunity for an experienced fitness center management firm. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, September 9, 2019 through Friday, November 8, 2019.

Metro seeks an experienced fitness center management firm to manage Metro's Fitness Center (aka One Fitness Center) located at the P1 level of the Metro headquarters in downtown Los Angeles. Areas of coverage shall include the shower/locker/restroom facilities adjacent to the One Fitness Center and a 1200 square foot weight room on the east side of the P1 level.

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.

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:

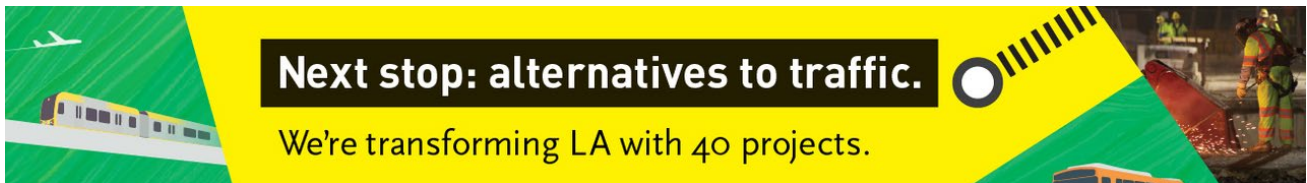
- Board buses at northwest corner of Lankershim and Chandler.
- Exit buses at southeast corner of Lankershim and Cumpston.

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

"If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail."

~ Benjamin Franklin

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