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### **System Security and Law Enforcement Receives FEMA Grant Funds**

Metro was awarded \$12,180,025 in Federal grant funds from FEMA this year. The funds will be used for the following projects: Facility Hardening projects which include upgrading perimeter fencing, gates and lighting at our operating divisions; Video Management System which will provide an enterprise video management system for all the CCTV cameras in Metro; and a Cyber Security Assessment that will provide funds for an agency-wide cyber security assessment on our network.

The grant applications were requested from the Transportation Security Grant Program (TSGP) which were requested by the Physical Security unit of Systems Security and Law Enforcement. In the last three years, Metro has been awarded over \$26 million in Federal Grants through the TSGP. We thank the Grants Management team for their role in these efforts.

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## **Public Meeting & Environmental Report Addendum #2 Released for LAUS Forecourt & Esplanade Improvements Project**

The Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements will enhance bicycle and pedestrian access to and from Union Station, the transportation hub of Los Angeles County, with surrounding communities like El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument (El Pueblo) and other adjacent historic and culturally significant communities.

An Addendum #2 for the project's Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) was released for public review last week. The new Addendum describes and evaluates new design changes based upon the project's advanced design plans developed since the Metro Board approved the Project's FEIR and Addendum #1 in 2018. Metro is accepting public comment for the Addendum now through August 26. The Addendum can be accessed [here](#). The public can submit comments by emailing Megan Nangle at [nanglem@metro.net](mailto:nanglem@metro.net) or attending the virtual public meeting on Thursday, August 13 at 6:00 pm.

The virtual public meeting will include a project update, an update about the Addendum 2 to the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), and an overview of the upcoming utility survey on Alameda and Los Angeles Streets.

When: Thursday, August 13, 2020

Time: 6-7:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/LAUSforecourtesplanade>

If you don't have access to a computer or internet, you can call in to listen to the meeting. You will be able to ask presenters questions.

- For English speakers, please call (877) 422-8614, conference ID 4770364#
- For Spanish speakers, we will be providing live Spanish interpretation. Please call (877) 422-8614, conference ID 4770366#

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### **Community Conversations with Local Community Leaders**

Last month, Community Relations debuted the first round of "Community Conversations"- a series of stories, dialogues, and presentations co-organized with and led by community leaders throughout LA County. With over 370 participants total tuning into the virtual gatherings, these initial Community Conversations were a great start to an ongoing effort to authentically listen to community leaders, and elevate the stories, histories, and insights of community members throughout LA County, especially during these challenging times.

These initial community conversations were:

#### ***Chinatown: Why I Love Chinatown! Past, Present, Future by Eugene Moy***

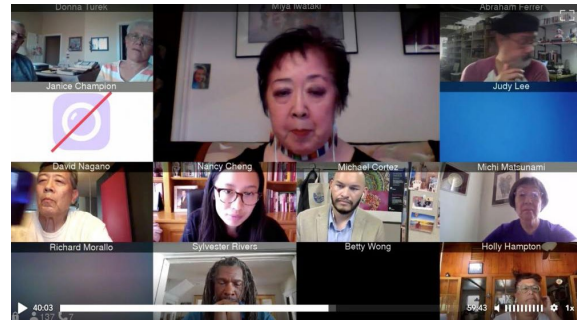
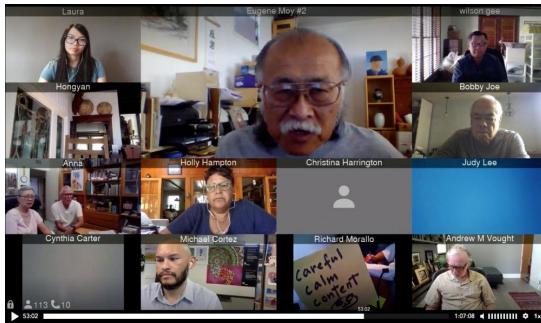
Eugene is a former city planner, activist, and member of the Chinese Historical Society and Chinese American Museum. He illustrated the history of Chinese

immigration to the United States, the formation of Chinatowns, and personal perspectives about the genesis and resiliency of the heritage neighborhood. Watch recording [here](#).

***Little Tokyo: The Spirit and Legacy of Asian American Activism and BLM Poem by Miya Iwataki***

Miya is a poet, long-time activist, and member of Little Tokyo Historical Society. She shared through visual storytelling her personal experience with the civil rights movement of the 60s and 70s, how it has shaped community service in Little Tokyo today, and how she understands the past struggle for social justice continuing today in the Black Lives Matter movement. Watch recording [here](#).

The next round of Community Conversations are anticipated to be in partnership with leaders from South LA, San Fernando Valley, and Boyle Heights. To learn more about the program, contact Michael Cortez at [cortezmic@metro.net](mailto:cortezmic@metro.net)



## Procurement Postings

### Nextrip Bus and Rail Arrival Information System Upgrade (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an upgrade to Metro's bus and rail arrival information system. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, July 31, 2020 through Friday, March 5, 2021.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified Contractor to provide hosting and system maintenance services for a real-time arrival prediction information system for Metro's bus and rail fleet.

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.

### Metro Medical Clinic Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking to establish a bench of qualified contractor(s) to conduct medical examinations and drug and alcohol specimen collections of human resource candidates and employees. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, July 31, 2020 through Monday, December 7, 2020.

Scope of services to be provided include substance abuse testing of Metro's safety-sensitive employees and job candidates in accordance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations 49 CFR Part 655. Collections and testing are performed using the procedures outlined in Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations 49 CFR Part 40. Metro also conducts incident-based drug and alcohol testing for non-safety sensitive employees under its own authority using the same procedures. The occupational medicine provider shall be required to be compliant with these regulations as well as regulations and guidelines set forth by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal-OSHA), and Metro policies and procedures.

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.

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

#### Purple Line Extension Project: K-Rail Work Zone Enclosures

Wilshire Blvd. between San Diego Way and La Jolla Ave. will be reduced to two lanes in each direction. Two K-Rail work zones will be implemented to support ongoing mitigation efforts in the Wilshire Blvd./Crescent Heights Blvd. area starting Monday, May 11, 2020, through Friday, August 14, 2020. Street parking will be restricted. To learn more, click [here](#).

#### Regional Connector: Street Restoration closures at 1st/Alameda in DTLA

Street restoration at the 1st St and Alameda St intersection is now underway and scheduled to last through August 31, 2020. Plan ahead as lane reductions and road closures will be in place through the summer, as this work will be completed in two stages, each lasting approximately four months.

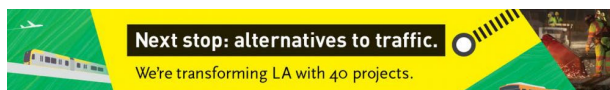
This effort marks the transition into the final phase of construction for the Regional Connector and brings it one step closer to testing and revenue operation. To learn more, click [here](#).

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

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~ Yuri Kochiyama



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