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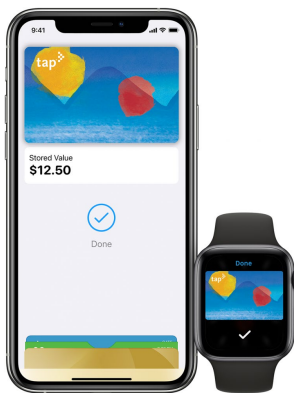
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Virtual Media Briefing on Fareless System Initiative

On Tuesday, September 1, I provided a virtual media briefing to local community newspapers and TV stations to detail the agency's new Fareless System Initiative. I reported that a new internal exploratory task force began work to study the possible elimination of Metro fares. As part of this plan, Metro will evaluate local, state and federal funding opportunities, including re-prioritizing Metro funds to replace farebox revenues. The task force will also evaluate impacts to other LA County transit providers, as well as a range of other potential impacts. If the plan is approved by the Metro Board, Metro could potentially implement a fareless system as early as next year.

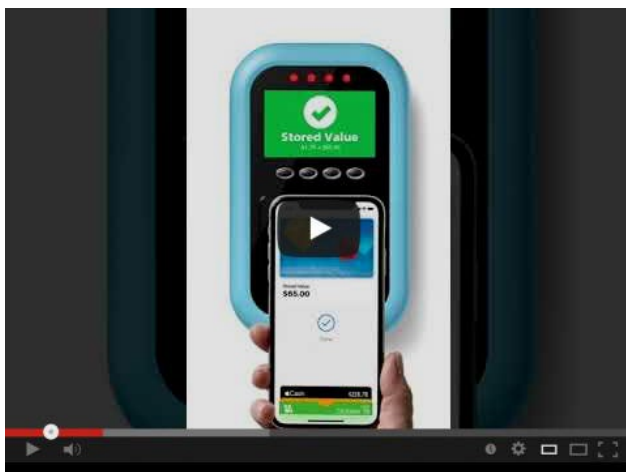
TAP is Now on iPhone and Apple Watch

Customers can now add their TAP card to iPhone and Apple



Watch. This makes TAP the first smart card fare payment program in Los Angeles County to integrate with Apple Wallet, enabling customers to add Regular, Reduced Fare and LIFE TAP cards to their iPhone or Apple Watch. This innovation allows for a new, safer and contactless way to pay transit fare on all [26 TAP transit systems](#). To add a new full fare TAP card, simply open Apple Wallet and press + (“add card” icon), select *TAP - Greater Los Angeles* and add a Stored Value amount to complete your purchase. To pay, just hold your iPhone or Apple Watch near the TAP dial for convenient, contactless fare payment. To find out more, click [here](#).

Use the [TAP app](#) to add new or transfer existing TAP cards, including Reduced Fare and LIFE TAP cards, to iPhone and Apple Watch. The TAP app will be coming soon on Android.



Help Shape the FY21 Budget

Metro’s Office of Finance and Budget has kicked off the FY21 Budget Development outreach to the public and key stakeholders. The Proposed FY21 Budget Book is available on line at <https://media.metro.net/2020/FY21-Proposed-Budget-Book.pdf>. Opportunities to provide comments for the FY21 Budget are currently being advertised through multiple channels and Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for September 16th.

LA County residents are invited to visit metro.net/myvoice to take a quick questionnaire, learn more about the development of the budget or to email comments at budgetcomments@metro.net.

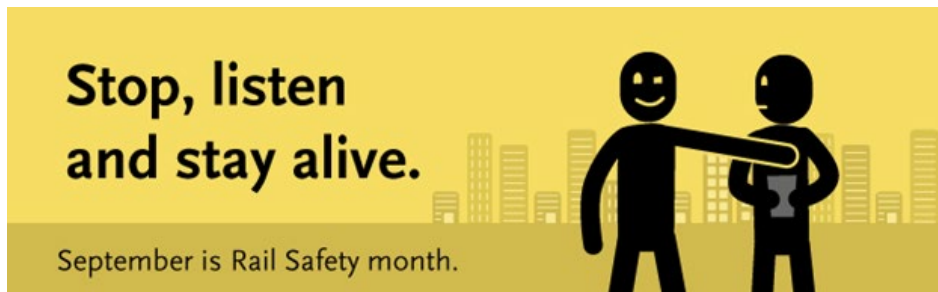
September is Rail Safety Month

Metro is celebrating California's Rail Safety Month. This year, Metro's Community Education (MCE) is going virtual to promote its rail safety education outreach program. A new webpage filled with education videos and interactive resources on how to be safe around trains, plus resources for parents and teachers to download and use at home will all be available to the public. Visit MCE's website at metro.net/ridesafely to explore all available resources.

Throughout September, look out for train ads along Metro's light rail system reminding riders that "Safety Begins with You". Always practice the following tips when near the train or tracks:

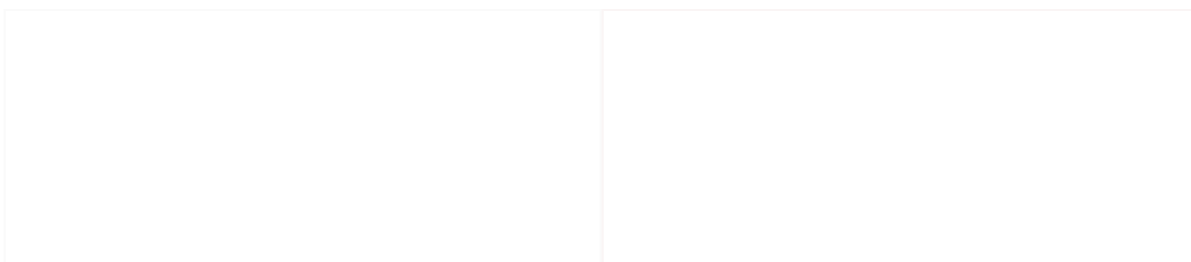
- Never walk on or around train tracks.
- Never go around lowered crossing gates.
- Obey all warning signals and devices.
- Look and listen for trains in both directions.
- Never run to catch the train.

Whether on the rails or on your virtual screens, Metro is celebrating Rail Safety Month by reminding all riders that Safety Begins with You.



Regional Connector Transit Project Completes First and Alameda Street Restoration

On the weekend of August 28, 2020, the Regional Connector Transit Project completed street restoration along First and Alameda Streets in Little Tokyo. The two-phased eight-month closure, which started January 2020, allowed Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) to build the roof of the future Little Tokyo/Arts District Station along these two major corridors. First Street traffic resumed on Monday, August 31, with accommodations in place to support Little Tokyo's Al Fresco Dining Program, after being restored to its pre-construction condition. The Projects' focus is now building the roof portion of the station along Central Av, under an 8-week street closure through mid-November that will also include street restoration. More photos can be viewed, [here](#).





Procurement Postings

Roadway Warning Light Maintenance Services (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure the services of a Contractor to provide In-Roadway Warning Light Maintenance Services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday September 8, 2020 through Monday November 2, 2020.

Metro provides public transit services to Los Angeles County through its Metro transit system. This transit system includes facilities on the A Line (Blue), C Line (Green), L Line (Gold), B Line (Red), D Line (Purple), G Line (Orange), E Line (Expo), Traction Power Substations (TPSS), Communication and Signaling Facilities (C&S), Bus and Rail Maintenance Yards, Harbor Transitway (HTW), Caltrans Park & Ride Lots, Metro Park & Ride (P&R) Lots, Inactive Right-Of-Ways (IROWS), and other non-operational properties and facilities. A qualified, licensed Contractor is required to provide inspection and as needed maintenance services on the existing In-Roadway Warning Light system on the Metro Rail A Line (Blue), L Line (Gold) and G Line (Orange).

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Greg Baker, Principal Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7577.

State Agency Technical and Strategic Advisor (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a consultant to provide technical and strategic advisory services for state programs and funding. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, September 8, 2020 through Thursday, November 5, 2020.

Metro is seeking a strategic advisor to complement staff in the area of transportation funding strategy, analysis, and medium range planning. The purpose of the services is to support our engagement with state agencies that provide funding and promulgate regulations for Metro and our partner jurisdictions and agencies.

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) 922-7588.

Construction Notices: LAUS Forecourt and Esplanade, Regional Connector, I-5

Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements Project

On-street work started for the Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements Project. Night time vehicle lane reductions and detours are expected on Alameda St, between Arcadia St and Cesar Chavez Av. and on Los Angeles St between Alameda St and 101 Fwy on-ramp. Work began on August 24, 2020 and is expected to continue for 3 weeks, Monday through Friday, 9pm -5am.

See the complete construction notice [here](#).

Regional Connector Transit Project - Partial Street Closure Central Av

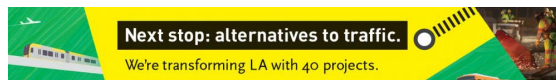
In place now, through mid-November 2020, is a partial closure of Central Av between 1st St and 2nd St to allow construction of the station's roof and street restoration as the Regional Connector Transit Project enters its last phase of at-grade construction. To view the notice of work click [here](#).

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

"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."

~ Viktor E. Frankl

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