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Fareless System Initiative (FSI) Internal Agency Survey

Last month, I announced the creation of the Fareless System Initiative (FSI) Task Force, an exploratory Task Force that will study the elimination of fares for all riders on Metro buses and trains. The Task Force will present a plan to me, the Senior Leadership Team, and ultimately to the Metro Board of Directors by the end of Calendar Year 2020.

As part of this effort, the FSI Task Force is seeking input from all Metro employees. The survey is available starting today and will remain open until October 12. As a Metro employee, you bring distinct insights to this study. All employees' feedback is extremely important to the Agency and will greatly impact the outcome of this effort – Division Managers, please help share this survey among division staff.

Click below to access the survey:

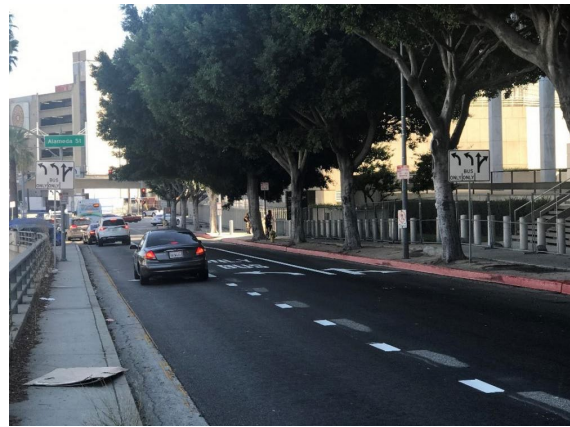
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FSIinternal>

Completion of Aliso St. Bus Lane in Downtown LA

Metro and the City of Los Angeles have partnered to implement a Bus Only Lane on Aliso St. in Downtown Los Angeles. This project, located along Aliso St. between Spring St. and Alameda St., was completed last week and will improve travel for transit riders and drivers through use of a dedicated bus lane, which closes a critical quarter (0.25) mile gap between the existing Spring St. Bus Lane behind LA City Hall and the existing Bus Only Left Turn Pocket at Alameda St.

Up to 61 buses per hour use Aliso St. during rush hour, which translates to about one bus per minute. San Gabriel Valley commuters and Cal State LA students, faculty and staff alike will benefit, with this bus lane improving travel time and reliability on the Metro J Line (Silver), Foothill Transit Silver Streak and many other commuter bus routes.

For more information on this project, please contact Julia Brown at brownju@metro.net.



Recovery Task Force Held Second Round of Virtual Meetings

On Thursday, October 1, the Recovery Task Force hosted two virtual meetings with Metro employees and the general public to share the latest updates to the draft recommendations that were developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Over 100 questions and comments were heard at these meetings and will be incorporated into the report.

If approved, these actions could help lead to an equitable economic recovery for LA County, and advance mobility without congestion as the 'new normal' after the pandemic.

The Recovery Task Force will continue to work on recommendations for a final report to be issued before the end of 2020. Any progress reports or opportunities for additional public and stakeholder engagement will be posted at metro.net/recovery.



Procurement Postings

Real Estate Acquisition, Relocation, and Property Management Bench (RFIQ)

Metro will release a Request for Information and Qualifications (RFIQ) to establish a bench of qualified firms on an as-needed basis to assist with real estate acquisitions, relocation and property management. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, October 9, 2020 through Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

A bench of qualified firms is needed to assist with the acquisition of property, relocation of displaced persons, interim property management anticipated services, and include preparation of Real Estate Acquisition Management Plans (RAMP's), relocation plans, review of preliminary title reports, appraisals and review of appraisals (when specifically requested), negotiations with property owners, and relocation of occupants.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Mark Marukian, Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3313.

Jobs Coordinators (RFIQ)

Metro released a Request for Interest and Qualifications (RFIQ) to establish a pre-qualified list of experienced Jobs Coordinators. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, October 5, 2020 through Thursday, December 31, 2020.

The establishment of a pre-approved list of Jobs Coordinators aim to facilitate the implementation of targeted hiring requirements on covered projects, in accordance with Metro's Project Labor Agreement (PLA) and Construction Careers Policy (CCP). Pre-qualified Jobs Coordinators enter into contractual agreement(s) directly with Prime Contractors on covered projects to provide Jobs Coordinator services, as described within the Scope of Services, subject to the PLA and CCP. No contractual relationship exists between Metro and Jobs Coordinators. Interested firms must be able to demonstrate that they meet the requisite qualifications and experience to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a Jobs Coordinator.

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.

Consolidated Audits (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure consolidated audits services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, October 5, 2020 through Monday, April 19, 2021.

Metro's Management Audit Services Department is seeking the services of two (2) external, independent CPA firms to perform financial and compliance audits to provide assurance that recipients of subsidies included in the Consolidated Audit are adhering to the statutes of each applicable funding source, and that operations data used to allocate funds is fair and in accordance with Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) guidelines.

Metro as the Regional Transportation Planner for Los Angeles County has fiduciary responsibility to help ensure jurisdictions, operators, and program administrators receiving funds for transportation related projects are in compliance with the applicable statutes, rules, regulations, policies, guidelines and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreements.

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Construction Notices: Regional Connector, I-5

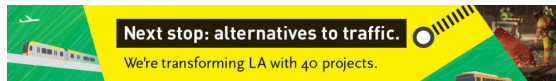
Regional Connector Transit Project - Partial Street Closure Central Av

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](#).

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

~ Charles Dickens



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