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Metro and Regional Partners Support Veteran Food Drive

On Tuesday, November 24, Metro Veterans Program assisted in support of coordinated efforts on behalf of Service-member, veterans, and their families from the Fourth LA County Supervisorial District. Metro partnered with El Camino Community College, City of Los Angeles, and Habitat for Humanity to bring the Fourth District an uplifting Thanksgiving food drive to currently serving Active Duty, National Guard and Army Reserve as well as veteran students and the community.

This joint force venture with Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, military spouse Lauren Duncan and over 40 volunteers was a synchronized effort that required vigorous organization to distribute nutritious, safe food to our veteran community during this COVID-19 pandemic. All contributors distributed food, grocery items and TAP cards [to over 300 veteran families](#) and individuals at risk of hunger.

We want to thank Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Janice Hahn and our collaborative partners City of Los Angeles, LA Sparks, El Camino Community College and Habitat for Humanity for their support and contribution during these challenging

times.



Inaugural Metro Conversations Hosted Dialogue with the Public about How We Engage Unhoused Riders

Over 80 attendees recently joined the inaugural *Metro Conversations* focused on how Metro and our partners collaborate to engage unhoused riders. Moderated by Community Relations Manager Julia Brown, the panel discussion featured Joyce Burrell Garcia from Metro System Security and Law Enforcement and Steve Fiechter and Karen Barnes from People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), one of Metro's major partners.

The panelists discussed the challenges with engaging people experiencing homelessness, how work on the ground has pivoted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, how to use Metro and LA County's resources to support unhoused riders, and more. Attendees engaged in dialogue with the panelists, asking how they can promote more compassion for unhoused folks in their community, how PATH partners with organizations, and how engagement on the Metro system has changed over time. Please click [here](#) to watch the recording of the conversations.

Metro Conversations is a new quarterly web series where Metro staff and our partners discuss stories about Metro's work that is little-known but enhances the quality of life in LA County. The program aligns with Metro's efforts to listen and learn from LA County communities. To learn more about *Metro Conversations*, please contact the team at metrospeaks@metro.net.



Procurement Postings

There are no procurement postings for the week ending November 27, 2020.

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

Regional Connector Transit Project - Historic Broadway Station Street Restoration

Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) will implement an extended closure of 2nd St between Spring St and Broadway for deck removal and street restoration as early as October 30, 2020 through Summer 2021. To view the notice of work click [here](#).

Purple Line Extension Project: K-Rail Work Zone at Wilshire Blvd./San Vicente Blvd.

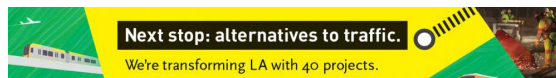
The K-Rail work zone within the center lanes of the Wilshire Blvd./San Vicente Blvd. intersection is anticipated to remain in place through December 2020. The enclosure will support ongoing tunnel and mitigation work underneath Wilshire Blvd. All left turns within the Wilshire Blvd./San Vicente Blvd. intersection will be closed while the K-Rail is in place. To view the notice of work click [here](#).

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

"A wise man fights to win, but he is twice a fool who has no plan for possible defeat."

~ Louis L'Amour

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