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Lifetime Achievement Award from the Council of University Transportation Centers

On Wednesday, January 6, I was pleased to join the virtual 2021 Council of University Transportation Centers (CUTC) Annual Awards Banquet where I was presented with their Lifetime Achievement Award. This award honors individuals who have contributed immensely throughout their professional and public lives to transportation. This annual event is primarily held to honor 40 graduate transportation students (M.S. and Ph.D.) who are in transportation programs around the country, and to celebrate the achievements of leading transportation professionals, educators and alumni.

I had the opportunity to deliver remarks to the students, faculty, DOT staff and many others in attendance. I was honored to accept this Lifetime Achievement Award not only as an individual, but also on behalf of the 11,000 dedicated employees of LA Metro. A leader is only as good as the team he or she is surrounded by and I have been blessed with wonderful teams throughout my career especially here at Metro. Thanks to the CUTC for this incredible honor and a sincere thanks to the Metro family for their dedication and outstanding work serving the people of LA County.

Procurement Postings

VA Shuttle and Valet Services During Construction of the VA Station (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure shuttle and valet services at the VA Hospital. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, January 15, 2021 through Friday, July 23, 2021.

During construction of the VA Station as part of the Purple Line Section 3 Project, a major parking lot will be impacting during construction. To minimize disruption to the VA's mission on a daily basis, Metro intends to procure shuttle services to connect various parking lots on the VA Campus as well as Valet services to serve the VA's patrons. This service is expected to run for the duration of the VA Station construction.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by John Tor, Principal Contract Administrator at (424) 551-4515.

Herbicide Application Services (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) seeking a qualified licensed contractor to provide herbicide application services in support of weed abatement throughout Metro facilities, Inactive Rights-of-Ways (IROW), Metro Park & Ride (P&R) Lots, and specific bus and rail facilities. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, January 14, 2021 through Monday, April 5, 2021.

Bidder must hold in good standing a valid and current State of California Qualified Applicator License "Category C Right of Way", and an Agricultural Pest Control Advisor License "Category E Weed Control".

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 at (213) 922-4654.

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.

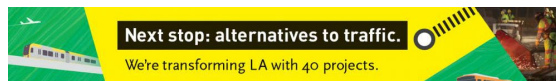
The K-Rail work zone within the center lanes of the Wilshire Blvd./San Vicente Blvd. intersection is anticipated to remain in place through January 2021. The enclosure will support ongoing tunnel and mitigation work underneath Wilshire Blvd. All left turns within the Wilshire Blvd./San Vicente Blvd. 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.](#)

"If you start worrying about the people in the stands, before too long you're up in the stands with them."

~ Tommy Lasorda

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