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2017 World Congress on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

This week, Metro, Caltrans, LADOT, LA County Public Works, Mobility 21 and several private technology companies co-hosted a visit by the committee selecting a site for the 2017 World Congress on ITS, which is expected to bring over 10,000 international delegates to Los Angeles, which is one of three sites under consideration. At a presentation to the committee today, State Senator Alex Padilla and Michael Cano (on behalf of Chairman Antonovich) made articulate arguments for selection of Los Angeles County to host the congress. The committee expects to make a selection in June of this year.

Eight Artists Selected for Metro Expo Line Phase 2 Stations

Eight artists have been selected to create works for the Metro Expo Line phase 2 project and the Expo Construction Authority Board approved the program yesterday at their monthly meeting. Metro Creative Services staff did extensive outreach with the arts community and held well attended artist workshops resulting in nearly 400 applicants. The eight artists are Shizu Saldamando, Abel Alejandro, Susan Logoreci, Nzuj de Magalhaes, Constance Mallinson, Carmen Argote, Judithe Hernandez and Walter Hood. More information and a concept proposal preview is available on [The Source](#).

Project Labor Agreement Update

The Metro Board of Directors approved the Project Labor Agreement at the January 2012 Board meeting. Subsequently, the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council has agreed to settle all jurisdictional disputes in the State of California instead of Washington, DC, as originally negotiated in Metro's Project Labor Agreement. The reason this is significant for Metro and other Los Angeles County public entities is that it will potentially allow the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters to sign-on to Metro's Project Labor Agreement.

Procurement Postings for Next Week

Highway Programs Planning & Deliverables Bench (RFIQ)

Procurement will release a Request for Interest and Qualifications (RFIQ) next week to procure services that will establish the Highway Programs Planning & Deliverables Bench. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 8, 2013 through May 8, 2013. Metro is seeking to establish Bench Contracts in various professional

disciplines to assist Highway Programs in general planning and design of multimodal transportation projects, environmental assessments, public outreach services, program/project/construction management support, and right of way/surveying services. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Erika Estrada, Interim Contract Administration Manager at (213) 922-1102.

Division 10 Pavement Replacement and Division 6 & 10 Trench Drain Installation (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure a firm-fixed price contract to provide for Division 10-Concrete Pavement Replacement, Division 6-Asphalt Pavement Replacement and Trench Drain Installation at both divisions. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 8, 2013 through June 12, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Arlene Blazevic, Assistant Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2516.

Public Private Partnership Technical Bench (RFIQ)

Procurement will release a Request for Interests and Qualifications (RFIQ) next week to establish Public Private Partnership (PPP) Technical Bench contracts in various disciplines such as transportation planning, environmental planning/engineering, civil/transportation and structural engineering, traffic engineering, geotechnical/soils engineering and financial analysis. The bench contracts will provide PPP specialized expert advice and necessary resources in the various tasks related to delivery of high priority transportation-related projects in Los Angeles County through the framework of Metro's PPP program. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 8, 2013 through July 8, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lily Lopez, Interim Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4639.

Advanced Vehicle Technical Consortium (RFP)

Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week for the Advanced Technical Vehicle Consortium (ATVC) to procure consulting services for new transit vehicle technologies, advanced technology implementation and operational issues. Specific operational issues include the initiation of Metro's Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) Program and the Super Low Emissions Bus (SLEB) Development Program. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 10, 2013 through July 31, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Susan Dove, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7451.

Engineering Services for Radiowave Replacement (RFP)

Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure professional engineering services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 8, 2013 through June 13, 2013. This solicitation will provide Metro with a microwave radio backhaul communications system network design to support the Digital Rail Radio System (DRRS). The DRRS, which provides two-way radio support for Rail Operations and Maintenance activities, has equipment installed at mountain tops that utilized microwave radio backhaul communications. This procurement is necessary because the current microwave radio backhaul communications system network is either:

1. Operating on no-license required microwave backhaul communications networks that may have interference from outside influences occurring at any time, and
2. The existing microwave backhaul does not support native mode Ethernet traffic which the DRRS uses extensively.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be

directed to and may only be answered by Nicole Dang Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7438.

Differentials (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure differentials. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from January 14, 2013 through May 31, 2013. The bus differential is part of the rear axle assembly that contains a set of gears that rotates the axles and tires. These parts are needed to ensure the parts are available to support the normal preventative maintenance program. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at (213) 922-1018.

Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events

Next week, I will attend Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's State of the City Address event. Also, I will travel to Sacramento to attend various meetings.

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