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Metro Freeway Service Patrol Celebrates 25 Years

On Wednesday, Metro Chair and City of Duarte Councilmember John Fasana joined California Highway Patrol Southern Division Assistant Chief Gregory Peck, Caltrans Deputy District Director for Operations Ali Zaghari, Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins and Metro's Freeway Service Patrol staff in celebrating 25 years of Metro's Freeway Service Patrol (FSP). The FSP began as a test program in 1991 and has since helped more than seven million motorists — and remains a free service provided by LA Metro and Caltrans with oversight by the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

FSP service is provided by independent tow service operators contracted with Metro and covers 475 freeway miles of LA County during commute hours seven days per week. The average wait time for FSP is just seven minutes. FSP drivers change flat tires, jump start dead batteries, refill radiators, repair leaking hoses, provide up to one gallon of fuel and can tow a disabled vehicle out of freeway lanes - all work very crucial to Metro's commitment to reducing traffic and keeping LA County moving.



Metro Employee Groups Host First Solidarity Social

On Tuesday evening, the African American Employees Association (AAEA), Advancement of Latinos at Metro Association (ALMA), Metro Emerging Professionals Association (MEPA) and Out@Metro hosted their first Solidarity Social at the Justice Urban Tavern in Downtown LA. At a time when people are being targeted with violence because of their race, religion, gender and who they love, I was pleased that a diversity of employees gathered for an evening of food and fun in support of the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)-- an organization committed to battling racial and social injustice.





OEI's Debut Newsletter Highlights Unsolicited Proposal Policy

Earlier this week, the Office of Extraordinary Innovation (OEI) shared their debut newsletter with the agency, available [here](#) for viewing. The newsletter included an [open letter to Metro employees](#) laying out OEI's vision and role in the agency. It also included what will be a monthly feature spotlighting the many innovations that are happening around Metro.

Another major topic was the advent of [Metro's new Unsolicited Proposals Policy](#). This policy, designed to open Metro's doors to new ideas, would not be possible without you. Fifty-seven staff members from all over Metro have contributed to reviewing the 32 Unsolicited Proposals we've received to date – about one a week. Seeing how many Metro staff have come together to explore new ideas is quite inspiring.

Of the 18 Phase I reviews completed, six proposals have advanced to Phase II or are in the process of advancing, and two were spun-off into partnerships. This new catalyst of innovation simply could not happen without the assistance and expertise of Metro staff – some of the best transportation employees in the country. Your insights have been critical, and Metro will continue to need your support to implement the best ideas in transportation at Metro.

I would like to thank the many Metro staff reviewers who have contributed to testing new ideas and evaluating proposals so far.

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Discussing Transit Projects with Metro Magazine and KCRW

On Monday, I spoke with two media outlets and took questions regarding transportation projects and topics related to Los Angeles County and Metro's Plan to Ease Traffic. I was interviewed by Metro Magazine on a range of transportation topics including, ridership gains on the recently opened Expo Line to Santa Monica, goals for Metro's Office of Extraordinary Innovation, and new projects on the horizon. A piece by Metro Magazine is expected to run in advance of the APTA Annual Conference in Los Angeles September 11 – 14, 2016.

Later that afternoon, I provided a general overview of transportation projects within the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan for KCRW reporter/producer Saul Gonzales. I reported that the Metro Board of Directors have approved placing a sales tax ballot measure -- now officially known as Measure M -- on the November 2016 ballot. If approved by voters, a new half-cent sales tax would go into effect in 2017, generating an estimated \$860 million per year. When the existing Measure R half-cent sales tax expires in 2039, this new tax measure will increase to one cent and would not expire until voters decide to end it. Stories examining Measure M are expected to run on Morning Edition and All Things Considered in the November timeframe.

C/LAX Staff Assist in Providing Meals for Families in Need

This past weekend, Metro Crenshaw/LAX (C/LAX) Transit Project staff including project Director, Charles Beauvoir, helped make over 500 lunches for families and individuals in need. Over 75 people responded to the call for volunteers. Crenshaw Buffalo Wild Wings hosted the event and volunteers received Metro *Eat, Shop, Play* gift bags and t-shirts. Metro's participation in this "#lunchbag" event is yet another example of how Metro is working creatively and truly stepping-up community relations efforts. Many thanks to Charles and his team.

Below is a video recap of the event and for future volunteer opportunities email EatShopPlay@metro.net.



Go Metro to MSRC/Metro Night at Dodger Stadium

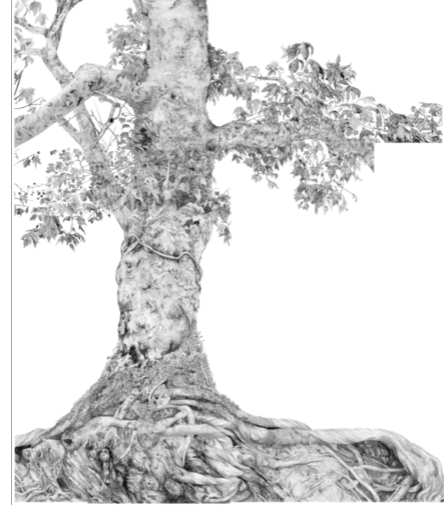
MSRC/Metro Night at Dodger Stadium is right around the corner. Don't miss out and join us on Wednesday, September 7th, as the Dodgers battle the Arizona Diamondbacks! Nothing else builds stronger work and personal relationships than eating a Dodger Dog and watching the "Boys in Blue" play. We are offering a special ticket package which includes your ticket, Metro activations, entertainment and the opportunity for a pre-game centerfield recognition for those that purchase tickets through this [link](#). Beat traffic and Go Dodger Stadium Express to the Game! As always, the Dodger Stadium Express service from Union Station and the South Bay is free with a game-day ticket. [Click here](#) for Dodger Stadium Express information.

The Dodger Stadium Express is a joint demonstration project made possible by Clean Transportation Funding from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) and Metro ExpressLanes. By using the Stadium Express, you're helping to bring cleaner air to our community by reducing traffic in the LA area.



Division 13 Artwork Receives International Award

A Metro artwork entitled, "[El Aliso de Los Angeles](#)", created by artist Christine Ulke and commissioned by Metro Art, received a merit award from CODAworx Collaboration of Art and Design in the transportation category. The artwork is displayed on the exterior of the Division 13 Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility in downtown Los Angeles and commemorates an iconic sycamore tree that once stood for nearly 400 years a few blocks south of the building. I want to congratulate Christine Ulke on her outstanding achievement.



FY17 Adopted Budget

The adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) has been officially released and [posted to the Metro website](#). At \$5.6 billion, the FY17 budget is balanced and represents a three percent decrease from the FY16 budget, proving that recent agency wide efforts to control costs have been successful. As we build new rail lines, expand services and enhance service quality, we must also continue to emphasize the importance of tightened financial controls in an ongoing effort to achieve long term financial stability.

Procurement Postings

[Metro Fitness Center Operator \(IFB\)](#)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure management services for the Metro Fitness Center and adjacent facilities.

Metro requires the services of an established and experienced fitness center management firm to manage the Fitness Center, Locker/Shower areas and Weight Room. The management firm will also be required to provide outreach and promotion for facility usage and cross-promotion of a healthy eating program with the current Food Services Vendor in the Metro Café. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, September 8, 2016 through Thursday, September 29, 2016.

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.

[Hybrid Mid-Size Sedan Vehicles \(IFB\)](#)

Metro will release Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Hybrid Mid-Size Sedans Vehicles. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, August 31, 2016 through Friday, March 31, 2017.

This procurement is for one hundred and ten (110) Hybrid Mid-Size Sedan Vehicles to replace existing

vehicles in the current fleet to support bus and rail operations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aryani L. Guzman, Assistant Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

Mop Heads (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure mop heads. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, September 1, 2016 through Wednesday, November 30, 2016.

This procurement is for the purchase of mop heads that are needed to maintain clean facilities throughout the agency. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price on an IDIQ basis.

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.

TAP RFP for Card Manufacturing & Fulfillment

Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure goods and services for manufacturing of TAP cards and fulfillment services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from September 6, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Anush Beglaryan, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3047.

Construction Notices - I-5

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

"All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

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