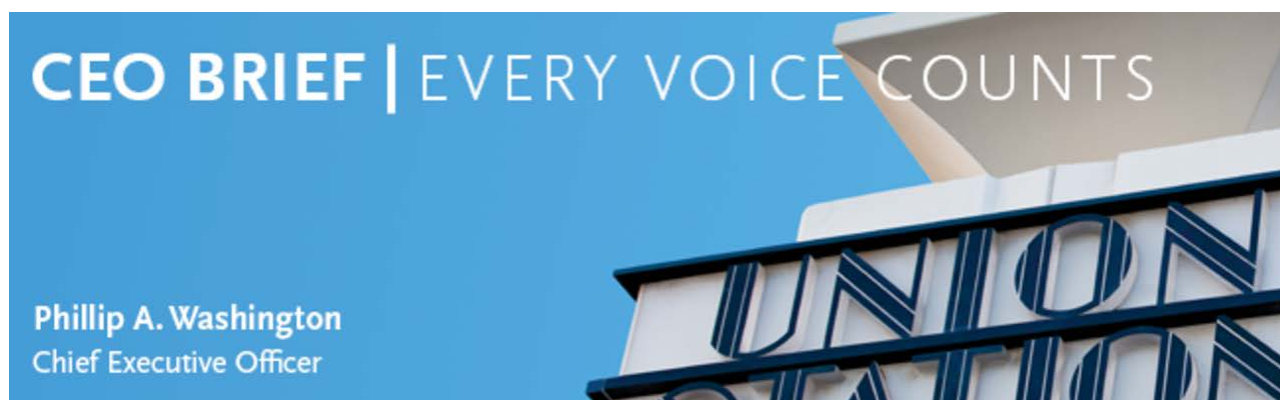


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Bike Share Grows: Pasadena Bike Share Launch

This morning, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Metro Board Member and City of Duarte Mayor Pro Tem John Fasana, and Metro Chief Planning Officer Therese McMillan joined Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek, President and CEO of Bicycle Transit System Alison Cohen and many other Pasadena officials, stakeholders and community members at Pasadena City Hall for the official launch of Metro Bike Share in Pasadena. This new Metro and Pasadena \$2 million bike share system is comprised of 375 bicycles with 32 bike share stations throughout the city. Some of the destinations now available via Metro Bikes include Old Pasadena, Rose Bowl, Paseo Colorado, Pasadena City College, Caltech, City Hall, Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena Central Library, and many more. Bike Share stations are also available at Fillmore, Del Mar, and Memorial Park Gold Line Stations.

The Pasadena launch is part of a second implementation phase for Metro's Bike Share Program to expand the bike share network beyond downtown Los Angeles. A total of 60 new stations are planned, and will also include bike share stations at the Port of Los Angeles and Venice. The Port of L.A. bike share system is scheduled to open on July 31, and the Venice system will open later this summer. Combined, the region's bike share expansions will result in approximately 1,400 bicycles at up to 125 stations.



Sector Strategies Transportation Summit

On Wednesday, I welcomed guests to Metro as we hosted the Sector Strategies Transportation Summit on behalf of the City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development. In the swiftly changing and complex world of public transportation, we need diverse and talented individuals who are prepared to tackle the evolving challenges facing our industry. This transportation summit is a step towards creating a talent pipeline to attract these individuals. In a room full of transportation partners, workforce development boards, City of Los Angeles representatives and academic professionals, we opened up the conversation on very important topics related to hard-to-fill positions, updating and identifying training and curriculum for today's transportation workforce and what we can do to help each other prepare for our near-future needs.

Our partnerships with Community Career Development, Los Angeles Valley College, and Los Angeles Trade Technical College have proved beneficial over the past 10 years in providing training programs for bus operators, rail car mechanics and supervisory positions. It is a pleasure to partner once more on the challenge of addressing the industry's workforce development needs. One of the goals of the summit was to collect detailed information on career pathways, which provides an excellent opportunity in attracting, developing, motivating and retaining a world-class workforce. I appreciate Metro's Talent Development department for coordinating this event and thank all of our partners for joining this conversation. Together we can overcome the challenges that face our workforce development and rapidly growing transportation network.



Senior Leadership Team Meets at Division 7 West Hollywood

On Tuesday, we held our weekly Senior Leadership Team Meeting at Metro Bus Division 7 in West Hollywood. These offsite meetings are an excellent opportunity to meet our colleagues and frontline employees out at the divisions and to remind ourselves of the core business we operate. Originally a rail division for the Los Angeles Pacific Rail Company, Division 7 eventually became a coach division in the 1960s and took its modern layout by 1974. The Division currently operates almost 250 buses, 439 transportation personnel and 132 maintenance personnel.

We took a tour of the facility including the yard and shop areas and learned about their service areas and some of the challenges they face. Being located on busy Santa Monica Boulevard and San Vicente, the division is in a vital location to serve westbound to Santa Monica/Malibu, north to Eagle Rock, south to Avalon Station/120th Street and east to Downtown Los Angeles. The surrounding area of Division 7 is heavy with pedestrian and bicycle activity making these operators extra focused at all times. I want to thank Division 7 Director of Transportation Operations Demetrius Jones, Director of Maintenance Operations Rich Famighetti and all the welcoming Division 7 staff for meeting with us and showing us around their workplace.



Meet-the-Artist Event Hosted for Metro Emergency Security Operations Center

Last week, Metro Art hosted a meet-the-artist event with Jacob Hashimoto, commissioned artist for the future Metro Emergency Security Operations Center (ESOC), at the La Kretz Innovation Campus. Jacob presented his past work and artistic process while engaging in dialogue with the community about his conceptual approach to integrating artwork on the future ESOC's building façade.

The new ESOC facility, located in the DTLA Arts District, will serve as the central location for Metro security operations, radio dispatch, and emergency coordination. Rail and Bus Operations Centers will also be integrated within the facility. While the building will house authorized personnel only, the artwork will be highly visible to the public on the building façade. Read more about the project [here](#).



Procurement Postings

Currency Processing Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Currency Processing Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday July 18, 2017 through Friday, November 17, 2017.

Metro is seeking a qualified, responsive, responsible Contractor to provide Currency Processing Services. The contractor shall assume full responsibility for the currency at pick up and shall be responsible for providing an armored car service to transport funds.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Antwaun Boykin, Sr. Contracts Administrator at (213) 922-1056.

Metro Blue Line and Metro Gold Line Fire Alarm and Fire Suppression System Retrofit (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure the retrofitting of existing facilities of the fire alarm systems and halon fire suppression systems on the Metro Blue Line and the Metro Green Line. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from July 19, 2017, through September 27, 2017.

The Metro Blue Line and Metro Green Line will have the fire alarm systems and the halon fire suppression systems retrofitted to ensure safety of passengers, employees, and Metro property.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Alyssa Garcia, Transportation Associate II, at (213) 922-7574.

In-Ground Heavy Duty Hydraulic Lift Parts, Repair and Training (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) seeking a qualified firm to provide parts, training and as-needed labor necessary to repair and maintain 151 in-ground heavy-duty hydraulic lifts for buses at Metro Bus Operating Divisions and Central Maintenance Facility. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, July 20, 2017 through October 1, 2017.

Metro represented labor employees are the first responders to all hydraulic lift inquiries. If repairs cannot be addressed in-house, Metro division staff will contact Facility Maintenance Trouble desk to request Contractor's support.

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: Blue and Expo Lines, Purple Line Extension, I-5

Metro Blue and Expo Lines: Bus Shuttles Replace Rail Service -- 7th/Metro to Grand and LATTC

This Saturday, July 15 and Sunday, July 16 from open to close of service, **bus shuttles replace the Blue Line between Grand/LATTC and 7th St/Metro Center, and the Expo Line between LATTC/Ortho Institute and 7th St/Metro Center** as crews perform preventative maintenance and upgrade the segment's overhead power supply system. Both lines are slated to run every 12 minutes while the work is in effect and shuttles will match service levels as best as possible. Please note trains will not follow the regular posted timetables.

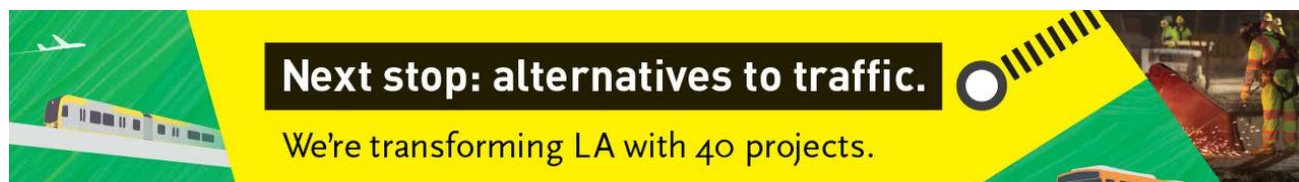
Purple Line Extension Project: Lane Reductions for Piling -- Wilshire and La Cienega

On Friday, July 14 at midnight – Monday, July 17 at 6:00a.m., pile installation will occur in the Wilshire/La Cienega intersection. This work will involve the drilling and setting of piles, concrete work, and street restoration. For details on traffic control, click the underlined title above.

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

"If you worried about falling off the bike, you would never get on."
- Lance Armstrong

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