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Metro Celebrates Bike Week / Infrastructure Week May 15-19 with Groundbreaking for New Bike Hub at Los Angeles Union Station



In commemoration of Bike Week and Infrastructure Week May 15-19, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) today broke ground on a new \$2.47 million high-capacity Metro Bike Hub that will provide secure, 24/7 bicycle parking at Los Angeles Union Station.

The new facility, to be located outside the historic station near its north breezeway, will consist of a 3,000-square-foot standalone building capable of parking nearly 200 bicycles for commuters who want to safely store their bicycles at L.A. County's largest public transit hub.

Scheduled to open this fall, the Union Station Metro Bike Hub will provide secured entry, closed-circuit TV surveillance and will be staffed by Metro's vendor during peak hours. It also will include a bike shop offering bicycle tune-ups, flat tire fixes, repairs and retail items. Bicycle safety classes and clinics will also be offered at the facility.

Bike hubs provide an attractive option for commuters who typically drive and park at congested Metro park & ride lots, especially for those that live within a bike-able distance. Commuters who pedal to the station instead may no longer need to take their bicycles on the transit system and have the assurance that their bike is parked in a securely controlled environment. Union Station's Bike Hub will be an ideal "last mile" solution for people who work in downtown, which is the largest employment center in the county.

"Secure bicycle parking at Union Station will be an invaluable new amenity that will greatly improve the commuting experience of our multi-modal customers," said John Fasana, Duarte Mayor Pro-Tem and Metro Board Chair. "Bicyclists will soon have the flexibility to leave their bikes in our safe and secure hub before or after riding any of the Metro, Metrolink, Amtrak or other municipal transit services that Union Station has to offer."

Metro is now developing a bike parking strategic plan to map out future Metro Bike Hubs and bike parking offerings to best suit the needs of L.A. County. The agency has already opened its first bike hub at El Monte Transit Center, and another Metro Bike Hub will open near the Hollywood/Vine Metro Red Line Station this Friday. Additional bike hubs are also planned in North Hollywood and Culver City.

“Bike hubs represent Metro’s latest efforts to create a balanced transportation system in L.A. County, giving people new ways to connect with the Metro System,” said Phillip A. Washington, Metro CEO. “These new hubs will help solve our customers’ most stubborn first mile/last mile transportation challenges. Commuters will increasingly have greater opportunities to combine bicycle and transit trips as we expand the network of Metro Bike Hubs throughout our region.”

During Bike Week, Metro and its agency partners will be promoting numerous activities throughout L.A. County that are designed to introduce Angelenos to the health, environmental and commuting benefits of bicycling. Metro, for example, will provide free rides on the Metro Bus and Rail System for people who bring either a bike or bike helmet on the system this Thursday, May 18. For more information about these and other Bike Month events hosted by groups across the county, visit Metro’s Bike Month website at <https://www.metro.net/riding/bike-month/>.

Metro’s Bike Hub is the most recent infrastructure project to be built by Metro. Its groundbreaking also coincides with National Infrastructure Week, which promotes the message that it is #TimetoBuild projects necessary to make the country competitive, prosperous and safe.

Metro has numerous transit infrastructure projects now in the works that will make the county more economically competitive by creating thousands of local jobs for L.A. area residents. Other major infrastructure projects that are part of the region’s ongoing infrastructure revolution include the Airport Metro Connector, Crenshaw/LAX, Regional Connector, Purple Line Extension, and Patsaouras Plaza Busway Station Project, among others. For additional information about these infrastructure projects, visit www.metro.net.

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About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation’s transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.3 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County.

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