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This parking lot's no paradise



As the workday begins, the parking lot is already full at the Universal City/Studio City station.

On a chilly weekday morning, after squeezing his truck into the last available spot in the main lot at the Universal City/Studio City subway station, Mario Beltran summed up the parking situation in two words: "It's terrible."

"If you're not here by 8 o'clock, you're out of luck," said Beltran, 36, as he hurried to catch a train to downtown L.A.

Beltran was lucky that day. According to some of his fellow commuters, lots are often filled up by 7:30 a.m. or even earlier at both of the Valley's Red Line stations, in Universal City and in North Hollywood.

Some, like 25-year-old Joanna Sintek, who commutes from Burbank to the Natural History Museum in Exposition Park, have had to learn that the hard way.

"I would show up and get grumpy and have nowhere to park," Sintek said.

"I'd just drive in instead."

Since then, Sintek has discovered an L.A. County-owned overflow lot on Ventura Boulevard, but she said it's a long haul from that lot to the station entrance, and it comes with an uncomfortable passage through a poorly-lit pedestrian tunnel beneath the 101 Freeway.

Parking can be tough in many parts of the city, but the two San Fernando Valley subway stations get extra pressure because they serve as the main transit gateways to Hollywood and downtown L.A.

Help may be on the way. On December 5, 2013, Metro's Board of Directors unanimously passed a motion by L.A. City Councilman Paul Krekorian, County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and Mayor Eric Garcetti, instructing the agency to investigate possible fixes, such as

additional lots, parking garages or a joint development project to increase parking. The motion also directs staff to report back on bicycle and pedestrian improvements that could be made to the stations and surrounding areas.

There are currently 951 spaces at North Hollywood—300 of which are reserved at a cost of \$39 per month. At Universal, there are 661 spaces, 140 of which are reserved. The County-owned satellite lot has 160 more spaces.

Robin Blair, Metro's director of planning, said the agency already is in the process of installing a lot in North Hollywood that will accommodate 187 more vehicles, but he admitted the effort wouldn't satisfy the rapidly-growing demand. "There isn't enough parking, that's the bottom line," Blair said.

Metro owns several parcels adjacent to the stations, but Blair is skeptical about building parking-only structures because of the high value of the land, which is located in popular areas like the NoHo Arts District and Universal City. "The sites are valuable as destinations and you are going to have pressure to do some sort of joint development," he said. "Once you get in the discussion of parking garages, that's not an option."

The North Hollywood station is the northern terminus of the Red Line, and Blair said the "transit-shed" of the station—the geographical area from which it draws passengers—is enormous. It is used by about 33,500 people on an average weekday, bringing in people from North

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Hollywood, Burbank and much of the west San Fernando Valley via the Orange Line. Commuters from as far north as Palmdale drive to the station.

Because of that ridership and the potential for further growth, Blair hopes the station areas themselves can become destinations where people can eat, shop and hang out. That's in sync with the motion's intention to create "transit/mobility hubs" that would bring more riders into Metro's system—and not necessarily just those who get there by car.

For bike advocates, new infrastructure is crucial because the stations border the Orange Line Bike Path, the Chandler Bikeway and a future section of the L.A. River Bike Path that's in the pipeline. Those paths approach the stations but the parking lots were not designed for bicycle access, said Eric Bruins, director of policy and planning for the L.A. County Bicycle Coalition. He added that the stations bookend a stretch

of Lankershim Boulevard where the group is pushing for bike lanes. "If you connect these two hubs with lanes, that neighborhood will really take off," he said.

The move to create better access to the subway stations is one of three recent proposals that aim to improve the San Fernando Valley's public transportation experience.

After residents around Pierce College complained that Orange Line patrons were urinating on their walkways and alleys because of a lack of bathrooms, Yaroslavsky, Krekorian and Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich moved to have the agency install bathrooms or come up with another solution. Their motion, adopted by Metro's Board of Directors last week, also calls for the agency to look into adding bathrooms throughout its rail and bus rapid transit system. Blair said that could be a tall order, however; because of security and maintenance needs, having bathrooms at all stations could cost an estimated \$70 million or more a year.

Finally, a motion by Yaroslavsky and Krekorian, adopted by the full board, seeks to curb freeloaders on the Orange Line, where fare evasion enforcement is falling short of the agency's goal, with officers conducting checks only one-third as often as they should. Potential solutions could include increased enforcement, adding gates to stations, installing additional TAP card readers or improving signage.

For Carlos Mora, a commuter who has lived in transit-friendly cities like London and New York, such fixes are overdue steps toward improving what he calls "the crappiest infrastructure for public transportation ever."

"It's getting better," Mora added, as he headed towards the parking space that he'd waited two months to reserve. "But if it was more of these hubs where people could work and live and shop and entertain? That would be awesome."

Air pollution a leading cause of cancer - U.N. agency

The air we breathe is laced with cancer-causing substances and is being officially classified as carcinogenic to humans, the World Health Organization's cancer agency said in a study released in October of last year.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) cited data indicating that in 2010, 223,000 deaths from lung cancer worldwide resulted from air pollution, and said there was also convincing evidence it increases the risk of bladder cancer.

Depending on the level of exposure in different parts of the world, the risk was found to be similar to that of breathing in second-hand tobacco smoke, Kurt Straif, head of the agency's section that ranks carcinogens, told reporters in Geneva.

"Our task was to evaluate the air everyone breathes rather than focus on specific air pollutants," deputy head Dana Loomis said in a statement. "The results from the reviewed studies point in



A gas-fired power station is seen during a frosty night in Minsk, December 4, 2012.

the same direction: the risk of developing lung cancer is significantly increased in people exposed to air pollution."

Air pollution, mostly caused by transport, power generation, industrial or agricultural emissions and residential heating and cooking, is already known to raise risks for a wide range of illnesses including respiratory and heart diseases.

Research suggests that exposure levels have climbed significantly in some parts of the world, particularly countries with large populations going through rapid industrialization, such as China.

In a statement released after reviewing the literature, the IARC said both air pollution and "particulate matter" - a

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major component of pollution - would now be classified among its Group 1 human carcinogens.

That ranks them alongside more than 100 other known cancer-causing substances in IARC's Group 1, including asbestos, plutonium, silica dust, ultraviolet radiation and tobacco smoke.

Loomis said there was relatively high exposure in Asia, South Asia, eastern North America and some places in Central America and Mexico, as well as North Africa.

But although both the composition and levels of air pollution can vary dramatically from one location to the

next, IARC said its conclusions applied to all regions of the world.

"Our conclusion is that this is a leading environmental cause of cancer deaths," Dr. Christopher Wild, director of IARC, told the news briefing in Geneva.

IARC's ranking program, sometimes known as the "encyclopedia of carcinogens", aims to be an authoritative source of scientific evidence on cancer-causing substances.

It has already classified many chemicals and mixtures that can be components of air pollution, including diesel engine exhaust, solvents, metals

and dusts. But this is the first time that experts have classified air pollution as a cause of cancer.

Asked why it had taken so long to reach the conclusion, Dr. Wild said that one problem was the time lag between exposure to polluted air and the onset of cancer.

"Often we're looking at two, three or four decades once an exposure is introduced before there is sufficient impact on the burden of cancer in the population to be able to study this type of question," he said.



Air Quality Improves in 2013

Southern California's regional air quality continues to improve, according to data collected over the recent 2013 smog season. In 2013 the South Coast Air Basin exceeded the 8-hour federal standard on 94 days, compared to 106 days in 2011 and 110 days in 2012. Twenty years ago, the South Coast Air Basin exceeded the current federal ozone standards on almost 200 days each year. During this year's May thru October smog season, several significant brush fires occurred in Southern California, including the Mountain Fire in Riverside County, the Silver Fire near the City of Banning, and the Spring Fire along the Ventura County coast and into the Santa Monica Mountains. While these fires prompted smoke advisories and elevated particulate matter levels in portions of the basin, the smoke impacts remained relatively localized and did not impact large portions of the region.

Check Before You Burn Program



As part of the Healthy Hearths™ initiative, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is asking residents to participate in its “Check Before You Burn” program to help improve wintertime air quality by not burning wood in their fireplaces when unhealthy air quality is forecast. Under the program, SCAQMD will issue mandatory no-burn alerts from November 1 through the end of February for specific areas where fine particulates are forecast to reach unhealthy levels. You can view the Check Before you Burn website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/healthyhearths/checkbeforeyouburn.htm>.

Under amendments adopted in May 2013, at times there may be no-burn days that will apply to the entire South Coast Air Basin. The program is applicable to all of Orange County and to the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the mandatory “Check Before You Burn” program can be viewed at <http://www.aqmd.gov/healthyhearths/checkbeforeyouburnFAQ.htm>.

Daily forecast information can be found on the SCAQMD’s “Check Before You Burn” map or through e-mail messages. More information on the public notification process is provided below.

Check Before You Burn Map

Visit the Check Before You Burn map to see if a mandatory no-burn alert has been issued for your area at <http://www.aqmd.gov/healthyhearths/checkbeforeyouburn.htm>. You can also zoom into your neighborhood by entering an address or ZIP code into the search bar at the top of the map

You can also sign up to receive Air Alerts on air quality and to be notified when a mandatory no-burn alert has been issued for your neighborhood. “Check Before You Burn” information can also be obtained by calling (866) 966-3293

For more information about Healthy Hearths, contact us at HealthyHearths@aqmd.gov

Expo Line Phase 2 reaches halfway point, marks safety milestone

Since the start of preconstruction activities in June 2011, no workers on the Expo Phase 2 project have missed a shift due to injury.

“We are very proud of our workers and staff for reaching 1,000,000 Safe Hours without a lost time incident,” said Brian Freund, SRJV project manager. “This achievement is a major milestone in the construction industry and we look forward to completing the Expo Line without incident.”

The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority said that with hundreds of employees logging in thousands of hours a week working on bridge structures 25 feet in the air, around high power lines up to 138,000 volts and in trenches more



Skanska-Rados Joint Venture (SRJV) reached the half way point in construction of the Exposition Transit Corridor, a 6.6-mile extension from Culver City, Calif., to Santa Monica. SRJV has worked one million hours worked on the project without a lost time incident.

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The Commuter Benefit Challenge is coming!

Win a Gotham7 Folding Bike from
Citizen Bikes® for being a Ridesharer
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www.rideshare.lacounty.gov for information
on how to rideshare.



than 20 feet deep, maintaining such a safety record is no small feat. The construction authority pointed out that this noteworthy achievement reflects SRJV's focus on an injury-free environment, which is unparalleled in the construction industry and goes far beyond standard safety programs. Working in a dense urban environment along congested city streets, SRJV is responsible for protecting not only the health and safety of its personnel, but also that of the public. The contractor's strong safety culture is what keeps

hundreds of workers on the job day in and day out, and the communities along the Expo Line safe.

"We commend SRJV for its demonstrated commitment to safety while making great progress," added Rick Thorpe, CEO of the Exposition Construction Authority.

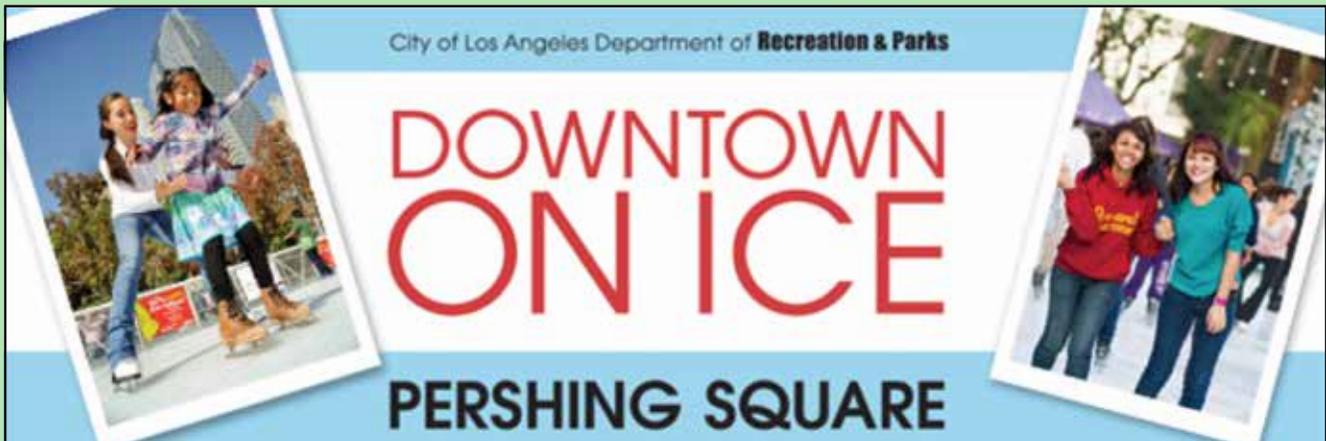
Major construction on Expo Phase 2 began in 2011 and already the project is about 50 percent complete. Work continues at a rapid pace, with bridges

and stations well underway and track work starting this fall.

Service on Phase 1 of the Expo Line began in Spring 2012. Construction on Phase 2 is expected to be complete in 2015. The Expo Line will bring greater mobility to the region by connecting West Los Angeles to the region's existing rail network. These communities are traditionally underserved by public transportation and among the most traffic-congested in the nation.

Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square, Ends Jan.20

Go Metro and Save \$1 on Admission



Nestled among LA's towering skyscrapers at Pershing Square, this issue's Metro Destination Discount is Downtown on Ice outdoor holiday skating rink, an oasis for wholesome fun for friends and families. As an original Southland tradition and a favorite holiday destination, the picturesque rink is open every day from to January 20. Celebrating its 16th season as a favorite holiday happening, Downtown on Ice brightens the holidays with *free* special events like the Winter Concert Series and skating exhibitions.

Metro Discount: Show your valid TAP card or Metro employee ID at the ice rink admission window and save \$1 on individual admission. LA County employees must also show a valid TAP card to save.*

Go Metro: Pershing Square is located at 532 South Olive Street in Downtown Los Angeles. Take the Red or Purple line to Pershing Square Station. Plan your best route using the Trip Planner at www.metro.net.

More Info: For details on daily schedules and other activities, visit PershingSquareIceRink.com or call 213.624.4289.

*Not available for skate rental and cannot be combined with any other offers.

One-fifth of U.S. lives near roads with higher air pollution, study says



Nearly one-fifth of the U.S. population lives near a high-volume road where pollution levels are typically elevated from vehicle exhaust, a new study says.

The analysis found 60 million people living within about one-third of a mile from a busy road. In California, 40% of the population lives that close to traffic, the highest of any state. "It's

a surprisingly large proportion of the population," said Gregory Rowangould, a professor of engineering at the University of New Mexico who used U.S. Census and Department of Transportation traffic data to conduct the nationwide tally.

The study found similar results across all regions of the country, suggesting traffic pollution is not only an urban

issue but "potentially a much larger and more widespread public health concern." Researchers have known for years that air pollution levels are higher along major roads, putting people who live nearby at greater risk of respiratory illness, including asthma and lung cancer.

The study also found that non-white and low-income residents are more likely to live near busy roadways and that most counties do not have monitors to measure air pollution levels close to traffic. "If there's no monitor, a potential violation is not going to be detected, and there's not going to be the additional regulations that can help clean up air pollution in that area," Rowangould said.

That is set to change in some places starting Jan. 1, when air quality officials in more than 100 metropolitan areas across the country must begin to install air pollution monitors near busy roadways under new rules from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The study, published in the journal *Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment*, counted people near roads where more than 25,000 vehicles travel each day, a traffic density that Rowangould said

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Successful Year for Air Quality Legislation in Sacramento



Several key pieces of legislation aimed at supporting air pollution reduction, strengthening the state's economy, and improving the environment passed the California Legislature and were signed into law

by Governor Jerry Brown in 2013. These bills promote the development of advanced technologies, alternative fuels and green jobs.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) was a part of a large, diverse coalition of business, agricultural and environmental stakeholders who supported Assembly Bill 8 (Perea), which extends the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program through January 1, 2024. This extension will ensure the continuation of the Carl Moyer Program which offers business owners financial incentives to voluntarily replace, retrofit or repower older vehicles and off-road engines. Since 1998 the program has proven to reduce emissions from mobile sources across the Southland as well as statewide.

In addition, 2013 also saw the passage of Senate Bill 4 (Pavley), the only new law addressing hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") in California. The law requires the disclosure of information regarding fracking in the exploration and production of oil and gas resources in California, and the specific chemicals used in the process. SCAQMD worked with the author of the new law which built upon the foundation laid by SCAQMD when the agency held a public forum on fracking in 2012. In April 2013, SCAQMD's Governing Board adopted notification and reporting requirements for fracking activities in the region.

For more information, contact Guillermo Sanchez at gsanchez@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3203.

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represents “the lower limit of roadways with health impacts.”

The study tallied the population within 500 meters of traffic. That’s about 1,640 feet, a wider swath than the 300 to 500 feet environmental regulators have used to measure the population near roadways. The South Coast Air Quality Management District estimates nearly 1 million people in its four-county basin live within about 300 feet of a major roadway; The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency puts that number at 35 million people nationally.

While past research has shown air pollution levels drop off significantly a few hundred feet from traffic, recent studies have found pollutants from cars and trucks can drift more than a mile downwind.

Turnstiles are being latched

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This year, Metro Rail turnstiles will be activated and will open only with a valid TAP card. Whatever type of fare you’re using - single ride, pass or transfer from another system - it must be loaded on a TAP card to ride any Metro Rail line. Please be sure your TAP is loaded with cash or valid fare before approaching turnstiles at Metro Rail stations.

If you don’t already have a TAP card, you can purchase one along with your fare from the TAP vending machine for just a \$1. Like all TAP cards, it can be loaded with any Metro TAP product. Buy the card once and keep using it. For more information, go to www.metro.net.

What’s Next for Metro’s Hot-Button Crenshaw/LAX Line?



For years the political and grassroots transportation advocacy worlds have struggled with figuring out the best way to both create a north-south rail line to connect the Metro Green and Expo Lines, as well as creating a comprehensive Metro Rail/LAX connection. They have suffered from two major obstacles: intransigence from LA World Airports and issues surrounding “the Crenshaw Portion” of the Crenshaw/LAX Line.

Now they are on the verge of getting past both. There is already \$100 million or so dedicated for an underground Leimert Park station to accommodate concerns of neighborhood preservation and light rail access to that neighborhood and adjacent region, and while issues such as parking and economic revival persist, the issue

of an unaffordable Park Mesa tunnel has been put to rest by Metro.

It was an expensive but tough compromise but there now is a \$2 billion north-south link between the Green and Expo Lines in the making, a relatively poor and entirely nebulous link of this line to LAX.

While the benefits of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line for the Mid-City are fairly obvious, the benefits of the line for Westside and the South Bay remain unfulfilled.

Westchester and the rest of the Westside, after fighting for years, was able to get roughly \$15 million of City funds for a small at-grade station on Hindry near Manchester/Aviation, and there is still no extension of the Green

Line to the transit center at the Galleria Mall in the South Bay.

Fortunately, Supervisor Don Knabe, former LA City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl and others have come to the rescue of Westchester and Westside transit advocates and planners, and Knabe’s leadership in calling for a Metro Rail/LAX connection by 2020 couldn’t have come at a better time.

Arguably, if the Measure R sales tax measure is extended into the future, the main issue to convince voters might NOT be the Wilshire Subway, which has its tremendous benefits and advocates, but for proper rail/airport access combined with a countywide rail and freeway system.

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Yet intransigence at LA World Airports (LAWA), led by one Gina Marie Lindsey, still is a problem. For decades, LAWA looked with disdain on Metro efforts to create a proper airport/rail connection, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) made the required north-south link between the Aviation/Imperial station and a potential Century/Aviation station both prohibitively expensive and challenging to build.

For the better part of a decade, Friends of the Green Line and the CD11 Transportation Advisory Committee heard from both Metro and LAWA planners, and it's been difficult to see how we could connect Metro Rail to the central airline terminals.

Except that the Westside was still too underrepresented and the Century/Aviation station was too far to the east to serve the Westside and a close LAX connection. There was no discussion of laying the groundwork for a future north-south rail connection to the Westside, and no formal discussion of a LAX People Connector to the airport.

Mayor Villaraigosa, to his credit, did do a lot to convince the car rental companies of the need to consolidate to the region surrounding Century/Aviation, and Century/Aviation truly is a potential link for Metrolink or Metro Rail to connect directly to Downtown Union Station, which the Crenshaw Line does not do, despite its proper placement to serve Inglewood and Mid-City L.A., and someday the Wilshire Corridor.

Enter a host of new planners from the City, working with or from the Westside Council Districts of CD11 and CD5 that now are working from both LAWA and the key City Councilmembers, and enter a world where Gina Marie Lindsey wants to stay on at LAX beyond the Villaraigosa Era.

In short, it involves a proposed Intermodal Transportation Facility (ITF) at 96th/Jenny (just outside the central airport terminal loop) as well as a slight swing of the Crenshaw/LAX Line to the west at Arbor Vitae and an underground Metro station to take the place of the station at Century/Aviation that probably everyone presumed was essential for the Crenshaw/LAX line.

There would be an eastern terminus of the LAX People Mover to link the central

airport terminals, the ITF and the proposed consolidated rental car facility (CONRAC) at Century/Aviation. So Century/Aviation is still very much part of the equation. But land acquisition and finalizing this connection to the CONRAC (still a work in progress) makes this Century/Aviation setup one of the last (not the first) Metro/LAWA issues to resolve.

To describe this westward swing, the Crenshaw/LAX line would proceed west from the Harbor Subdivision Right of Way south from the maintenance yard in Westchester, swing west north of 96th street, turn south on Airport to have an underground station (taking the place of the Century/Aviation Metro station), proceed east to approximately Century Blvd., and then proceed back to the Harbor Subdivision Right of Way.

There would be a LAX People Mover to connect from the central airline terminals in the west to the CONRAC in the east, and hopefully 1-2 stations to serve the local hotels and business district along the way.

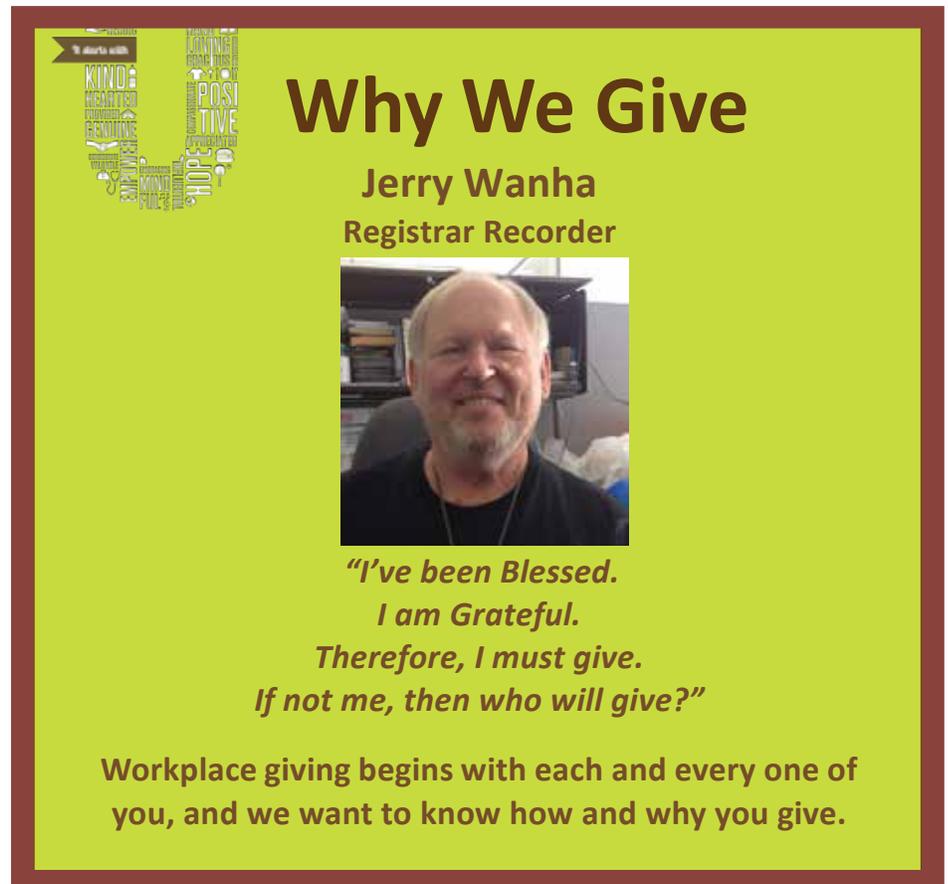
As with all airport/rail connections, questions and problems abound. However,

unlike the proposed underground Metro Rail connection with an underground station in the central airline terminals, there is less expense for Metro and less environmentally and costly underground tunneling issues, and probably less FAA resistance. And a driverless LAX People Mover could operate 24-7 even when Metro is shut down in the wee midnight hours.

Furthermore, the question of how a Green Line could proceed north to the Westside in the future also remains unanswered.

There will be calls for a Supplemental EIR that could be both time consuming and costly, but if consensus and the will to move fast (particularly if LAWA puts its political and financial back into it) predominates, the possibility of a Mitigated Negative Declaration to move this forward might just get the job done.

"Might" is the operating word, of course--again, this is one heckuva change order that its proponents need to show has consensus over the many, many other alternatives proposed over the past few decades.



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Jerry Wanha
Registrar Recorder

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Monday, March 10, 2014

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Luncheon & Awards Presentation: 11:30 a.m.

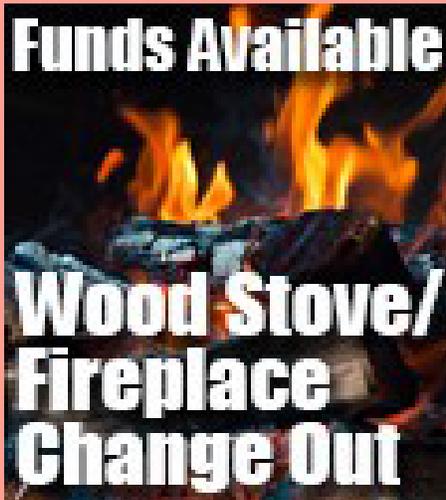
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Wood Stove & Fireplace Change-Out Incentive Program



In the process of reducing emissions from wood burning devices, South Coast AQMD is offering an incentive for residents or landlords of a rental property in the areas surrounding cities of Riverside and San Bernardino or the community of Boyle Heights to replace their wood burning device. If you are a resident of one of these areas you may be eligible to receive funds for an installation of a cleaner burning alternative.

Why make the switch?

This area does not meet federal health standards for fine particulate matter. Wood smoke can be a significant source of fine particulate matter pollution, it also contains toxic air contaminants. Health studies link fine particulate matter to serious health problems including decreased lung function, aggravated asthma, irregular heartbeat and premature death. Vulnerable groups include people with existing heart and lung disease, the young and the elderly.

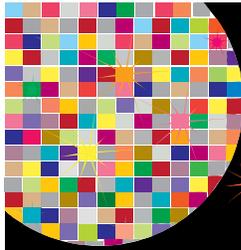
For more information, visit the SCAQMD's website at <https://www.aqmd.gov/prdas/FireplaceVoucher/homepage.html>.

Coordinator Spotlight



This month's Coordinator Spotlight is on Sandra Flores. She works in the Assessor's Office, Human Resource Division. Besides her clerical duties she is the Coordinator for the March of Dimes, Charitable Giving, Rideshare, Wellness and Retirees and fundraises for County events and event ceremonies and she assists the Recruitment and Selection unit with exam proctoring. "A lot of little things can make a big difference," she says as her motto for work and life.

She likes road trips, sightseeing, travelling and she is a music fanatic. Something people may not believe about Sandra is that she owns a dirt bike and enjoys the adrenaline rush from off-roading.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEE DISCOUNTS

JANUARY 2014

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Soccer: USA vs. Korea Republic

See the USA Men's National Team take on Korea Republic at Stub Hub Center on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 2 p.m. in their final game played in the United States before the 2014 World Cup. Two ticket options are available:

- Sideline Seats (Sections 115 and 128): \$45
- VIP Seats (Section 110): \$80

Purchase tickets from the Office of Workplace Programs by Thursday, January 23, 2014.



L.A. County Private Screening: The LEGO Movie

An ordinary LEGO minifigure is recruited to join a quest to stop an evil LEGO tyrant from gluing the universe together! **See the movie opening weekend Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 4 p.m. in a private screening for L.A. County Employees and Family and Friends.** Tickets are only \$15. All attendees will get a special FREE giveaway and will also be entered into an opportunity drawing to win two tickets to LEGOLAND Theme Park! **Deadline to purchase tickets from the Office of Workplace Programs is Friday, February 7, 2014 or until seats are sold out.**



50% Off Admission to Fit Expo 2014

Save 50% on admission to the 2014 Fit Expo Los Angeles, held at the L.A. Convention Center on Saturday, January 25th and Sunday, January 26th. Experience fun for the whole family with seminars by health pros, fitness competitions and various cooking and lifestyle tutorials in the Healthy Living Pavillion. Daily admission is \$20, but L.A. County Employees can request a 50% off coupon by emailing workplaceprograms@ceo.lacounty.gov or by visiting mylacounty.gov. For more information about the event, please visit www.thefitexpo.com. **Deadline to request the coupon from the Office of Workplace Programs is Friday, January 24, 2014.**

Online Employee Discount Highlight: Disneyland Discount Portal

L.A. County Employees can save on the various admission tickets to Disneyland Theme Parks. Employees can save from \$3 to \$40 just by visiting mylacounty.gov from any L.A. County Computer. Simply click the Disney Discount Tickets link. **Also, save \$40 on two and three-day single park and two-day park hopper tickets. Must purchase by May 30, 2014. Use now until June 6, 2014 (blackout dates apply).**



Online Employee Discounts

Remember that the Office of Workplace Programs provides discounts online. Current online discounts include Disneyland, Medieval Times, Los Angeles Clippers, T-Mobile, AT&T, LEGOLAND, Sea World and Center Theater Group. To access these discounts, simply visit mylacounty.gov from a County computer.

To purchase tickets, please contact the Office of Workplace programs. We accept cash, checks and money orders. For payment and ticket delivery, employees have the option to either visit the Office of Workplace Programs in person or send a County Messenger from their facility to our office located at 500 W. Temple Street, Room B-1, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Please allow 7-10 business days for delivery via County Mail. Make all checks payable to LAC VOLUNTEER FUND.

March of Dimes Employee Discounts



January 2014



All of the discounts below are offered on behalf of the L.A. County March of Dimes 2014 Campaign (MOD). All prices are lower than face value and include a donation amount to the campaign. By purchasing the discounts below, you contribute to the fight for healthy babies. You can also help by participating in the March of Dimes Walk for Healthy Babies on Saturday, April 26, 2014. For more information about the L.A. County March of Dimes 2014 Campaign, please visit www.ceo.lacounty.gov/wpp/workplacegiving.htm.



L.A. Kings vs. Carolina Hurricanes Discount Tickets

Cheer on The Royalty as they take on the Carolina Hurricanes at Staples Center on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$89 for 100-level seats, which includes a \$5 donation to the 2014 March of Dimes Campaign. Deadline for ticket purchases is February 10, 2014. To purchase tickets, please contact your department's March of Dimes Coordinator or visit the Office of Workplace Programs. E-tickets will be provided for this game, so please be sure to include a legible email address on the order form.



L.A. Clippers vs. Miami Heat Discount Tickets

Watch Blake Griffin and Lob City host LeBron James and the Miami Heat at Staples Center on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Pricing is as follows:

- 100 Level Loge Ends: \$220
- 200 Level: \$185
- 300 Level-Upper: \$135

To purchase tickets, contact Brad Eisen at 213-763-4616 or beisen@clippers.com. Ticket price includes a donation to the 2014 March of Dimes Campaign.



Catalina Express Discount Tickets

L.A. County Employees can experience beautiful Catalina Island with discounted Catalina Express Tickets. Adult tickets are only \$65 (Save \$9.50), and Child (Ages 2-11) tickets are only \$55.50 (Save \$4.50) from Dana Point. Prices include a \$3 donation to the 2014 March of Dimes Campaign. Exclusion Dates apply: May 24-26, July 4-6 and August 30-September 1, 2014. To purchase tickets, please contact your department's March of Dimes Coordinator or visit the Office of Workplace Programs.



Knott's Berry Farm Discount Tickets

Celebrate Camp Snoopy's 30th Anniversary at Knott's Berry Farm with discounted tickets for L.A. County Employees! Adult general (Ages 12-61) admission is only \$38 (includes \$5 MOD Donation), and Junior/Senior (Ages 3-11/62+) admission is only \$25 (includes \$1 MOD donation). The WPP deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, March 28, 2014, but payment deadlines vary by department and are often earlier than the WPP deadline. To purchase tickets and get your department deadline, please contact your March of Dimes Coordinator.

Payment Deadlines vary by department. Please contact your Department March of Dimes Coordinator for your specific deadline. For information about additional discounts and a list of Department MOD Coordinators, please visit the CEO Office of Workplace Programs website: ceo.lacounty.gov/wpp. You can also visit our office at 500 W. Temple Street, Room B-1, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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LA County Charitable Giving 2013



THANK YOU LA COUNTY!

Messages from our FDAs on how some of your contributions have been used to serve the County of Los Angeles:



ASIAN PACIFIC
Community Fund

As we wrap up another year at the Asian Pacific Community Fund, we are so grateful and appreciative of the generosity of our Los Angeles County employee donors. You have enabled us to not only continue our work in the rapidly-growing Asian and Pacific Islander communities but also to enhance our services and increase our capacity to better serve our communities.

A Few Highlights for 2013

The Asian Pacific Community Fund...

- Awarded over \$370,000 in direct and indirect grants, a 12% increase from 2012
- Announced \$50,000 in new capacity building grants to strengthen the organizational structure of our nonprofit Affiliates serving 250,000 people annually
- Implemented a new \$20,000 scholarship program for the Chen Foundation
- Housed the National Asian Breast Cancer Initiative to help bring awareness to this growing issue amongst Asian American women
- Created the "Pag-asa (Hope) Fund" to invest in long-term efforts in Typhoon Haiyan stricken areas of the Philippines

As we start 2014, we look forward to partnering with Los Angeles County employees once again! It is because of "U" that the 2013 CGC campaign was a HUGE success! Thank you so much for all of your support and dedication!

Right:

Donations raised from the CGC contribute to the grant money APCF distributes to its 29 affiliate agencies. Here is a picture of APCF Affiliate Agency representatives receiving their grant checks at the 2013 APCF Gala.





BROTHERHOOD Crusade

Sowing Seeds and Growing a Strong Community

Right:

Brotherhood Crusade youth participates in a financial literacy program at our 2013 Annual Books and Basketball Camp. Here one of our partners from Wells Fargo, talk to our young people about the importance of financial responsibility. Your donations help us to keep these types of services on-going in the community.



Left:

Brotherhood Crusade is recognized at the **Los Angeles County 27th Annual Productivity and Quality Awards Program** on October 16, 2013 for their dedicated service to the affairs of the community and for civic pride demonstrated by numerous contributions for the benefit of all the citizens of Los Angeles County.



Above:

Brotherhood Crusade prepares Food Bags for "Navidad En El Barrio"! 350 Food Baskets and clothing were provided to the community on December 14, 2013. Thank you, County of Los Angeles Employees, for your support which helps us to continually support the community.



Above:

Brotherhood Crusade provided 150 turkeys and all the trimmings to residents of Los Angeles County. Your donations make a difference for families and young people in need.

"It all Starts with U!"



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Give.
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Community health charities and our 50+ member charities are extremely grateful for the thoughtful charitable gifts of County of Los Angeles employees. Your collective energy of support through your contributions will fuel medical research and services. Medical research buys our loved ones the gift of time and quality-of-life. The gifts that you give today will bring many tomorrows for people that need more than just hope to survive. Your gift is "Compassion in action" and will save lives. On behalf of those who will be impacted by your generosity, we express our deepest gratitude.



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Way



UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES

On behalf of the thousands of individuals who now have a home because of you, the countless children who now have the promise of a future, and families and veterans who can build a life, *thank you for your gift to United Way of Greater Los Angeles.* Only with the kindhearted support of donors like you are we able to create pathways out of poverty for our most vulnerable neighbors: families, children, veterans and the homeless.

Because of our strong network of generous donors, United Way's creating pathways out of poverty plan is able to combat poverty at its roots- lack of education, homelessness and financial instability-and focuses on long-term solutions. We build on programs and strategies with a proven success rate affecting a greater number of our neighbors and communities. And we use advocacy and public policy to change the ineffective systems that sustain the cycle of poverty.

In the past year alone, your dollars have enabled United Way and its partner agencies to:

- Moved 4,400 people off the streets and into homes
- Helped realize a 71% graduation rate (and rising) for L.A. County's 1.5 million students
- Given 9,000 people, including many veterans, job training

Thank you again for your loyal dedication to improve the quality of life for all in Los Angeles County. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. We hope you continue to be an active member of our United Way family as we create pathways out of poverty together.



Above:

LA County donations made it possible to train Communities for a Better Environment member Olga Moedano (pictured with her mother and grandmother and California Assembly member Anthony Redon) and their whole family to speak on behalf of their community about the impacts the expansion of the I-710 Freeway in LA would have in her community. Olga won the 2013 Woman of Distinction in Environmental Protection Award as a result.

EarthShare California thanks you for empowering our youth!



Left:

LA County donations also made it possible for thousands of students to experience the beach for the first time and learn many exciting things about caring for our environment with Heal the Bay.

EarthShare California, Heal the Bay and these students from 107th Street Elementary are so thankful for all that you've done to support us!





UNITED LATINO FUND

With the generous support of LA County employee donations, United Latino Fund (ULF) has been able to create the **Community Grants Program**, which gives small grants to grassroots, non-profit organizations serving the Latino community. Over the past 20 years, ULF has invested in over 600 organizations. ULF is one of the only funds solely dedicated to sustaining and developing new programs affecting Latinos in Los Angeles County. Some of our grantees include:

Top: DIY Girls (Pacoima) inspires women and girls to design and create products, and aims to have an effect on Latino girls who often believe that they cannot succeed in science and technology. DIY Girls seeks to give girls the tools, experience, and confidence to persist and make better educational decisions which can have a significant impact on their career options."

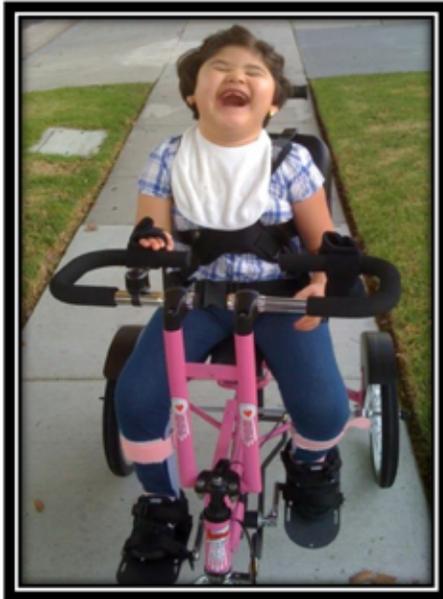


Bottom: KIWA (Koreatown) seeks to empower low-income residents to shape a healthier more green Los Angeles. KIWA is located in Koreatown which is a low-income community that lacks green space and access to quality foods. Through the Ktown Farms & Gardens program, KIWA works with community residents (58% of which are Latino) to design and create small green sites for food production and recreation. The sites will then be mapped and linked together to create a "corridor" aimed at increasing green space and quality food; thus creating a Los Angeles that is more green and healthy.

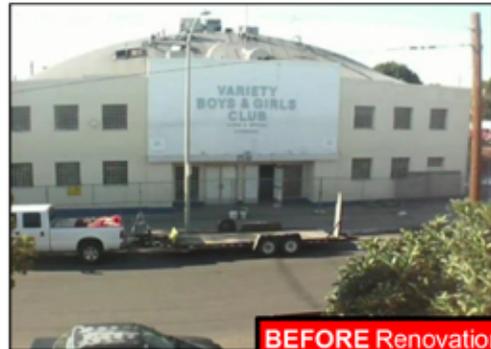




As one of the new charities in this year's Charitable Giving Campaign, **Variety the Children's Charity of Southern California** wishes to thank all the LA County employees for their support. Variety is committed to ensuring that every employee donation helps the most children, where the need is greatest. Founded in 1941, Variety funds programs and services in LA County that support at-risk children and children with special needs in three key areas: **Education, Health Care and Mobility.**



Left: Variety's **Mobility Program** provides children with disabilities confidence, freedom and much needed therapeutic exercise by providing specially designed adaptive bikes.



BEFORE Renovation



AFTER Renovation



Above: Variety's **Health Care Grants** support early intervention programs for kids with learning disabilities; medical care and therapy for children who are victims of abuse and neglect, and neo-natal intensive care equipment for hospitals in underserved communities. Variety sends hundreds of kids battling life-threatening illnesses to camp - to give them a break from the pain and chaos of treatments.

Above: The **Variety Boys & Girls Club of Boyle Heights** is thriving and is serving more kids than ever with leadership development programs, tutoring and mentoring, recreation, sports and aquatics programs, arts and crafts, a computer learning center and library, social recreation and college scholarships. The Club is a safe haven where children can learn, grow and hope.

Education Grants provide underprivileged children and at-risk youth the programs necessary to pursue their education and dreams and overcome the barriers of poverty, poor performing schools and high levels of unemployment. Education grants fund early literacy programs, college scholarships, homework assistance, college prep, career readiness, art, music, science and technology workshops, sports and gang prevention counseling.



Grand Park Calendar - www.granparkla.org

DOWNTOWN FARMERS' MARKET

WHEN:

Weekly on Tuesday, forever @ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

WHERE:

Grand Park's Marketplace (between Spring and N Broadway)

LUNCH Á LA PARK

WHEN:

January 16, 2014 @ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

REPEATS:

Weekly on Wednesday and Thursday, forever

WHERE:

TWO LOCATIONS: Olive Court (between Grand and Hill) & Marketplace (between Spring and Broadway)

200 North Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Every Wednesday and Thursday, come into the sunshine and enjoy everyone's favorite time of the workday – the mighty lunch. Trucks will be parked in two locations in the park; on Olive Court (between Grand and Hill) and the Marketplace (between Spring and Broadway) with easy access for jurors, local employees, and all park users.

Food trucks subject to change

GRAND PARK'S GOT FUNKY SOLE: LOVERS EDITION

WHEN:

February 14, 2014 @ 8:00 pm – February 15, 2014 @ 1:00 am

WHERE:

Grand Park's Performance Lawn (between Grand and Hill)
200 North Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90012

COST:

FREE

WHAT:

Get down this Valentine's Day in the most romantic place in LA! Bring your sweetie or meet new honeybees at LA's finest funky soul party made especially for Grand Park lovers. Presented in partnership with Spaceland Productions.

MARCH OF DIMES

Executive Kickoff Breakfast
February 25, 2014 at 8 a.m.
Music Center of Los Angeles County



Calendar of Events



ETC Training at the South Coast Air Quality Management District

www.aqmd.gov/trans/traing.html#schedule

January 15, 2014

February 5, 2014

February 20, 2014

March 5, 2014

March 25, 2014



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