



Crenshaw/LAX Community Leadership Council

CLC QUARTERLY UPDATE

FALL 2013

Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Update

On August 8, 2013, Metro approved the award of a design-build contract to Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors (Walsh/Shea) to construct the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project. A Notice to Proceed was issued on September 10, 2013. This is a Design-Build contract, the owner (Metro) hires a designer and contractor to design and build the project concurrently under one contract. The Design-Builder (contractor) will confirm Metro's contract requirement to complete the design in accordance with the project scope. Concurrent with final design, the contractor will begin mobilizing, perform pre-construction surveys and conduct exploratory geotechnical boring surveys. Prior to any construction activity commencing Metro Construction Relations will continue to disseminate construction notices to residents and business owners as the construction process progresses. Major construction activities are slated to begin spring 2014.

The expected completion date of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project is 2019.

Be on the lookout for more information on these activities throughout construction at the monthly Construction Relations community meetings beginning in 2014.



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A community stakeholder-led Metro project advisory group.

A Brief History and a Celebration of the Leimert Park Station

Developed in the early 1920s by Walter H. Leimert as one of Southern California's first planned communities, with easily accessible above ground public transportation, Leimert Park is well known for its cultural community, coffeehouses, shops and performance spaces. In 2019, it'll also be known for the Vernon (Leimert Park) station along the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project that residents and business owners saw value in adding.

On May 23, 2013, the Metro Board of Directors approved a motion co-sponsored by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, former City of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Supervisor Michael Antonovich, Supervisor Don Knabe,

Director John Fasana and Director Mel Wilson, to include a Leimert Park Village station at Crenshaw and Vernon and a station in the Westchester community at Florence and Hindry. Funding sources for these stations include \$55 million from the City of Los Angeles approved by the Los Angeles City Council on May 23, 2013, as well as \$80 million in reserves from Metro's General Fund in the FY 2014 Adopted Budget.

Over 200 community members, Metro staff and elected officials gathered in Leimert Park to celebrate the collective accomplishment on May 24th, 2013.



Crenshaw/LAX CLC Member Highlight – Linda Ricks



Linda Ricks grew up in Chicago but made her way west in 1967, first living in San Diego then in Los Angeles, where she has been ever since, in between her international travels. When Los Angeles became her home, Southern California Rapid Transit District, also

known as RTD (which later became Metro), was the agency that ran public transportation. Ms. Ricks used the system as her primary means of transportation to get around the city, including work on weekday mornings.

She knew when she retired from her career as a System Office Manager at Ready Reproductions, a Los Angeles based printing company, her newfound free time would be spent serving her community in volunteer capacities related to land use, transportation, and other community based issues. Ms. Ricks was instrumental in the creation of the Friends of Hyde Park Library which serves as a liaison between the library and the Hyde Park community. The organization sells donated books to benefit the library and also sponsors events and programs, including two quilting clubs.

Her devotion to her community has driven Ms. Ricks to attend numerous Metro meetings over the past seven years.

When she learned about the formation of a Community Leadership Council (CLC) for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, she knew she could add value to the group and attended the first meeting. She says it is important for her to be a part of the CLC because she is committed to informing community members with important project updates.

The contributions Ms. Ricks brings to the CLC include being a representative voice from the Hyde Park community and serving as a member of the CLC Safety Project Oriented Discussion (POD) group, which has the purpose of developing an environment where light rail service is incorporated into the community in a manner that fosters the highest level of safety between pedestrians, automobiles and transit services. When the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project is in operation, she wants to ensure all community members are educated on rail safety.

Ms. Ricks is confident that the construction of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project will result in significant transit oriented development near the Crenshaw/Slauson station, as well as in Leimert Park. "I want the development near Crenshaw and Slauson to take note of business and residential growth that has taken place as a result of past and current Metro projects," Ms. Ricks says.

Looking into the future, Ms. Ricks hopes that the use of public transportation in her community continues to grow.



The Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors is comprised of Walsh, Shea, HNTB, Comstock and ARUP, companies which have come together to provide Metro with a combination of highly experienced local and national transit resources coupled with the talent and resources of the greater Los Angeles community. The team was assembled with the single-minded focus of achieving every goal and objective that Metro has set for this project.

Both Walsh and Shea have been in business for over 100 years. Walsh is a family owned business in its fourth generation of leadership. The company has a national presence with sixteen regional offices, providing services through its family of companies: Walsh Construction, Archer Western, and the recently acquired R&L Brosamer. Since its founding in 1898 by Matthew Myles Walsh, the firm has practiced general building construction, completing over 100 contracts in its lifespan. The Walsh Group is consistently listed among the nation's Top 20 Contractors, in revenue generation, in Engineering New-Record's Top 400.

J.F. Shea, also has a rich history, as one of the oldest and largest privately held operations in the country that has earned a prominent position among construction companies. The history of the Shea family of companies began in 1881 when company founder John F. Shea established a small plumbing business in Portland, Oregon. J.F. Shea was ranked by Forbes as one of today's largest and most respected civil contractors in the nation.



J.F. Tunneling Activity for New York's 2nd Avenue Project



Charlotte Light Rail in Charlotte, North Carolina

Together, Walsh/Shea has completed numerous projects in Atlanta and Chicago. Walsh and Shea have specialties that have contributed to their success respectively. In essence, the companies complement one another, with Walsh's expertise in light and heavy rail and bridge construction and Shea's in tunneling. Each has had its share of sizeable projects. Walsh recently completed the \$975 million DART Light Rail System in Dallas, TX. Currently, Shea is working to wrap up construction on the \$1.1 billion Metro Transportation Authority No. 7 Subway Line Extension in New York, NY.

HNTB Corporation, another core member of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project team, is a leader in multimodal and intercity transit systems, having planned and designed rail-based transportation systems and facilities for public and private operators across the country. With nearly a century of service, HNTB brings experience on current and previously completed rail and transit projects totaling more than \$9B in construction costs. HNTB maintains a staff of more than 3,600, which includes the largest groups of railroad and transit engineering professionals in the nation.

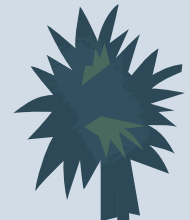
"Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors intends to produce a safe project that is on-time, on-budget and creates the least amount of disruption with the highest benefit to the community," Walsh/Shea 3rd Party Manager Jim Gardner says.

Save the Date: Future Meeting

Mark your calendars!

CLC Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2014

To view future dates, view our calendar on the CLC website located at www.metro.net, click the CLC tab.



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