



## Purple Line Extension Construction Updates

### Bounty of Fossil Discoveries Continue, Why Does it Matter in Modern LA?

Part 1 of 2

Dr. Ashley Leger, the Paleontological Field Director for Cogstone Resource Management, leads a team that works closely with the project team to identify and preserve fossils found during construction of the three new stations. Leger and team have found pieces of Ice Age animals ranging from a giant ground sloth to a duck-sized bird—several thousand years old—many from the excavation of the Wilshire/La Cienega Station, where the expectation of finding fossils was low.

In this question and answer with Leger, the Purple Line Extension Newsletter asks why these discoveries are important and why fossils and bones are so rare.



*Why does it matter if these fossils and bones are found?*

Well, discovering will not save lives. This is, however, the only way we have to preserve the Ice Age history of Los Angeles. This is similar to history books capturing who was elected president or who won the World Series or conflict between nations. The fossils record the history of the past. Someone wouldn't rip the pages about World War I from their child's history book. Yet if we ignore these fossils, we are tearing out pages of Los Angeles history.

*How can you be surprised where you find fossils and bones?*

We're surprised because we anticipated finding the most fossils at the Fairfax Station. At Fairfax, we

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farther from the asphalt, the chances of bone preservation goes down. The fact that we have so many fossils far from the Wilshire/Fairfax Station is surprising and rare. There must have been a set of perfect circumstances at the Wilshire/La Brea and Wilshire/La Cienega stations. Typically, these circumstances would be a rapid burial of the bones and low oxygen content to allow less decay.

### Jet Grouting Continues between San Vicente Bl and Crescent Heights Bl

On Saturday, April 7 from 3am –8pm, eastbound Wilshire Bl will be closed at San Vicente Bl to support jet grouting to improve the soil. Jet grouting work on Wilshire Bl between San Vicente Bl and Crescent Heights Bl is planned to continue in April. This work will require eastbound Wilshire lane reductions between Gale Dr and San Vicente Bl from 9am–3:30pm weekdays and intermittently on weekends through April. For more details, [view our construction notices](#).

### Last Chance to Provide Input on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Wilshire/Rodeo Station Tonight!

On Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at Beverly Hills City Hall from 6:30pm to 8pm, Metro will be presenting the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the design-build of the Wilshire/Rodeo Station. Metro and the City of Beverly Hills will be looking for stakeholder feedback on the proposed work hours and schedule related to piling, decking and support activities. [Click here for event details](#).



### Century City/Constellation Station Update

For the Century/Constellation Station, AT&T and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) will continue to perform AUR work on Constellation Bl, east of Avenue of the Stars from 8am to 3pm and from 8pm to 6am daily. The design-build contractor, Tutor-Perini/O&G (TPOG), has begun installing the support structure for the sound walls around the perimeter of the staging yard located on Century Park East, just north of 2080 Century Park East.



Constellation Bl at Century Park East is anticipated to be closed starting May 2018 for approximately 15 months. The street closure is needed to construct the launch box for the Purple Line Extension tunnel boring machines digging the twin tunnels for the underground subway from Century City through Beverly Hills to connect at La Cienega. Similar to constructing a station box, the design-builder will have to pile, deck, and then excavate to create the launch box. A work zone with protective concrete barriers, fencing, and sound blankets will be established to support the work. For more information about advance utility relocation in Sections 2, [view our construction notices](#).

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## Section 3 Pre-Construction Update

### Advanced Utility Relocation in Westwood

Advanced utility relocation (AUR) starts this month and is anticipated to wrap up in 2020. Work will take place on nights and weekends only. This work clears the way for station construction and ensures continued utility service for the duration of the project. Utilities include telecom, gas, water, electricity, and sewer. Night-time bus routes will be relocated to accommodate the construction activities around Wilshire/Westwood. Proper signage and details will be provided via construction notices.

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### Welcoming Piknic Century City to the Eat Shop Play Family

We are excited to launch #EatShopPlay #CenturyCity with our very first partner Piknic. Piknic kicked it off by catering Metro's Section 2 Ground Breaking Ceremony. More than 100 guests enjoyed delicious falafels and hearty sandwiches. Visit Piknic at 2000 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 20 and enjoy their tasty offerings and friendly atmosphere!

To support local businesses impacted by Metro construction, visit [metro.net/riding/eatshopplay/](http://metro.net/riding/eatshopplay/) for the entire list of businesses.

## Metro News

### Long list of new fossils found during Purple Line Extension work

Here's a fun fact: paleontologists estimate that less than one percent of life on earth turns into fossils. That's why all fossils are of interest. They're rare. Rare as they may be, a wide variety of fossils have been found in recent weeks during construction of the first phase of the Purple Line Extension subway. [More from The Source](#)



### Go Metro for Mother Earth; free rides on Earth Day, April 22!

Quite frankly, I'm thrilled about this. The Metro Board of Directors today approved a motion by L.A. Mayor and Board Chair Eric Garcetti to offer free rides on Earth Day on Sunday, April 22. Our Earth Day post on IG last year still sums up our sentiments [More from The Source](#)



### Fresh pics: Regional Connector spring

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Significant progress has been made on the Regional Connector Transit Project since the beginning of this year. From Little Tokyo to the Financial District, crews have been busy mining tunnels and excavating, relocating utilities and more. [More from The Source](#)



## Upcoming Events

Section 1 & 2: La Cienega Station and Rodeo Station Monthly Update Meeting  
Wednesday, April 4 | 6:30pm - 8pm | Beverly Hills City Hall - Municipal Gallery

Public Meeting about the Metro Purple Line Extension  
Section 1 - Wilshire/La Cienega Station | Hosted by City of Beverly Hills  
Wednesday, April 11 | 6:30pm | La Cienega Community Auditorium | [Click for Flyer](#)

Section 1: Construction Community Meeting  
Thursday, April 19 | 6pm - 7:30pm | Pio Pico Library

[Event Details](#)

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