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Fossils, Fossils, Fossils

According to our resident paleontologist, Dr. Ashley Leger, less than 1% of all species turn into fossils. That's a pretty small percentage, but we're proud to report that we've found 500 ice age fossils during excavation and that's only in Section 1. We're digging up the past to bring you the future!

[For more fossil news check out this ABC 7 story!](#)



Purple Line Extension Construction Updates

An Interview with the Wilshire/Fairfax Station: Part 1

Purple Line Extension (PLE): I am fortunate today to interview the Fairfax Station. Should I refer to you as Mr. Station or Ms. Station.

Wilshire/Fairfax Station (Fairfax): Nothing that formal. You can call me Fairfax.

PLE: Great. March is turning out to be a significant month for you, Fairfax. The excavation has reached your lowest level, the electrical grid has been installed, and very soon the mud matt will be poured on the bottom—the first step toward eventually pouring the permanent floor and walls.



Buidling the floor inside the Wilshire/Fairfax Station.

Fairfax: Thank you for noting these milestones, because frankly I feel overlooked.

PLE: Really? You will be on the doorstep of three major museums.

Fairfax: I don't like to complain but my sister stations get all the headlines: La Brea has the tunnel boring machines and La Cienega has all those fossils. La Cienega tells me about those fossils all the time! Gee, get a life, La Cienega. Those fossils were there thousands of years before you were designed.

PLE: I know you are the shortest station, about 200 feet shorter than your sisters.

Fairfax: I prefer the word "petite."

PLE: OK, petite. What most excites you about becoming a working station?

Fairfax: Moving people faster along Wilshire Boulevard. I have seen the estimated travel times along Wilshire Bl in 2035. Buses traveling from 8 to 11 miles an hour! Oh, Boy!

Interview to be continued in next month's newsletter. Meanwhile, the

concourse deck is being built inside Wilshire/La Brea Station and excavation continues at Wilshire/Cienega Station.



Concourse deck construction inside Wilshire/La Brea Station.

Construction for Section 2 Picks Up Momentum

Now that the rain has cleared, the contractor for Section 2, Tutor-Perini/O&G (TPOG) is kicking construction into high gear with various construction milestones in Beverly Hills. During March, TPOG anticipates completing the sound wall for the Wilshire/Reeves Staging Yard, wrapping up demolition of the N. Canon Properties and buttoning up the rest of the geotechnical borings on Wilshire Bl.



N. Canon properties demolition progress.

In Century City, construction of the temporary bus layover on Santa Monica Bl between Avenue of the Stars and Century Park East is anticipated to resume this month and is targeted to be completed in April. Inside the Constellation Bl closure, decking to create a temporary street surface while station excavation occurs below is advancing. Decking and excavation to create the Century City/Constellation Station box is expected to take approximately 9 months to finish.

Section 3 Design-Build Station Contract Awarded and More

Metro's Board of Directors recently approved the overall budget for Section 3 of the Purple Line Extension and awarded construction company Tutor Perini/O&G Joint Venture a contract to design and build the Section 3 rail system and two stations: Westwood/UCLA Station and the Westwood/VA Hospital Station. Last year, Metro's Board awarded Tutor Perini and its construction partner, Frontier-Kemper, the contract for Section 3 tunnel construction.

While pre-construction activities are ongoing in Section 3, Metro's Construction Relation's team has continued its public outreach and community education efforts. During February, the Construction Relation's team visited the VA Hospital several times to provide important construction updates. The information provided by Metro to the veteran community primarily focused on Metro's plans for building the Purple Line Extension's Westwood/VA Hospital Station.

Metro's contractors are continuing to collaborate with Southern California Edison (SCE) on a final design and approach for installing new electrical system components on Federal Av and Ohio Av. The electrical system work is expected to begin in Summer 2019. When completed, the electric system enhancements

will ensure that there is ample power for the future Westwood/VA Hospital Station.

The Clock is Ticking on the Purple Line Extension Section 2 Tunnel Boring Machine Art and Naming Contest!

The Purple Line Extension Transit Project is adding two more tunnel boring machines (TBMs) to its boring family! The new additions will join Elsie and Soyeon, the TBMs digging Section 1 of the Purple Line Extension.

In honor of this historic event, Metro is inviting LA County students from kindergarten through 12th grade to participate in an art and naming contest for the TBMs.

[Submit Your Winning Entries Today!](#)



Women-Owned Businesses to Eat Shop Play

According to U.S. News, there were more than 12 million women-owned businesses last year. However, women entrepreneurs are still underrepresented. Finding women-owned businesses to support can be a challenge. When you walk into a business or visit its website, it can be difficult to know if the business is owned by a woman. That’s why Eat Shop Play is featuring 3 women-owned businesses to check out during Women’s History Month.

Master Aesthetician
Jacqueline Lozano L.E.
8383 Wilshire Bl

Master holistic esthetician
Jacqueline Lozano is a skin healer who has been perfecting her craft for over 28 years. Her personal and intuitive approach to her practice leaves clients with a transformative experience beyond glowing skin.

[Learn More >](#)



Brides by Liza
8685 Wilshire Bl

Brides by Liza is a bridal atelier dedicated to dressing you in the gown of your dreams. They incorporate the latest designs with classic styles and offer a variety of dresses from bridal gowns, bridesmaid dresses, flower girl dresses, to gowns for mother of the bride or groom.

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Continental Kitchen
8300 Wilshire Bl

Continental Kitchen uses simple, fresh ingredients that taste great, grass-fed meats, free-range poultry, carefully sourced sustainable seafood and organic produce from nearby farmers markets to complement the menu.

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Metro Headlines

Metro's 2019 Draft Public Participation Plan needs your input!

Submit comments until April 12th to help shape this foundational document for all Metro community outreach.

[Submit Comments >](#)



Here are the Metro Art events happening in March

[More from The Source >](#)



Blue Line south closure update – changes to shuttle schedules to start March 3

[More from The Source >](#)



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Upcoming Meetings



[Section 1 & 2: La Cienega and Rodeo Station Update Meeting](#)

Wednesday, March 13 | 6:30pm - 8pm
| Beverly Hills Public Library, 2nd Floor Auditorium | [Facebook Live](#)

[Business Interruption Fund \(BIF\)](#)

Wednesday, March 20 | 9:30am - 12:30pm | Century Park Plaza

[Section 3: Pre-Construction Community Meeting](#)

Thursday, March 21 | 6:30pm - 8pm | Belmont Village Senior Living

[Section 1: Construction Community Meeting](#)

Thursday, April 18 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Location TBD

[Section 2: Construction Community Meeting](#)

Thursday, May 16 | 6:30pm - 8pm | Century Park Plaza

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