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# PLA/CCP



## Metro's Project Labor Agreement and Construction Careers Policy

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## Overview

In January 2012, the Metro Board approved the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council and the Construction Careers Policy (CCP). The primary benefit of the PLA is that it encourages construction employment and training opportunities in economically disadvantaged areas throughout the United States on federally-assisted contracts. Another benefit is that it prohibits work stoppages.

The PLA goals are:

- > **40% participation of construction workers residing in economically disadvantaged areas**
- > **20% apprentice participation**
- > **10% participation of disadvantaged workers (meeting two of nine disadvantaged criteria)**

Consistent with the Board-approved PLA/CCP, prime contractors are required to provide monthly reports detailing progress towards meeting the targeted worker hiring goals. Additionally, per Metro's Labor Compliance policy and Federal Executive Order 11246, prime contractors provide Metro with worker utilization data by ethnicity and gender. (See page 6).

**Economically Disadvantaged** – Area where the median household income is less than \$40K per year.

**Disadvantaged** – Economically disadvantaged; also satisfying at least two of the following nine categories: 1) homeless, 2) single custodial parent, 3) receiving public assistance, 4) lacking GED or high school diploma, 5) criminal record or history with criminal justice system, 6) chronically unemployed, 7) emancipated from foster care, 8) veteran from Iraq or Afghanistan war, or 9) apprentice with less than 15% hours needed to graduate to journeyworker. Criminal justice system percentages are a subset of the 10% Disadvantaged hours category.

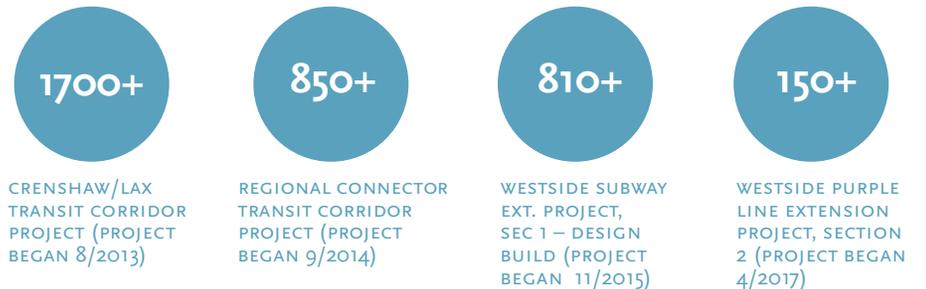
## Figures at a Glance

### PLA CONTRACTS – INCEPTION TO DATE



\*Two projects have been awarded but have not yet started.

### APPRENTICE WORKERS



### PLA WORKER HOURS (PROGRAM-WIDE) ACTIVE AND CLOSED PROJECTS



## Fast Facts on Metro's Project Labor Agreement

- > Metro is the **first** transit agency in the nation to adopt a PLA that includes a targeted hiring emphasis on apprentices, low income and previously excluded members of society into the trades.
- > The U.S. Secretary of Labor visited Metro and the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project in August 2014 and highlighted the PLA/CCP as a success and national model.
- > **No** work stoppages or lockouts have occurred since the start of the program.



The Metro Board voted to create a score card system to highlight those contractors who meet and exceed the Executive Order 11246 female participation goal of 6.9% on Metro construction projects.

### Female Participation in Construction

Through its Project Labor Agreement and Construction Careers Policy, Metro is striving to diversify the workforce on construction projects to improve access to career opportunities and serve as a catalyst for improving socio-economic status for minorities and women. Although the national average for women in construction is below 3%, Metro’s goal is to exceed Executive Order 11246’s goal of 6.9%. Metro’s current female participation average is 3.65%.

In November 2017, Metro’s Board passed a motion authorizing the agency to create and publish a score card system that reflects percentages of women hired by Metro contractors; develop an incentive program to encourage contractors to exceed the national goal; and require contractors to demonstrate how they are promoting a diverse and inclusive work environment.

ACTIVE PROJECTS	PRIME CONTRACTOR	GRADE	%
Metro Center Street Project Design/Build	Amoroso Construction Co., Inc.	A	8.12%
Purple Line Extension, Section 3 – Stations Design/Build	Tutor Perini/O&G, JV	A	7.34%
Regional Connector Transit Corridor Design/Build	Regional Connector Constructors, JV	C	4.23%
Purple Line Extension, Section 3 – Tunnel Project D/B	Frontier Kemper/Tutor Perini, JV	C	4.14%
Westside Subway Extension Project, Section 1 – Design/Build	Skanska, Traylor, Shea, JV	C	3.64%
Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor	Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors	C	3.61%
Westside Purple Line Extension Project, Section 2 – Design/Build	Tutor Perini/ O&G, JV	D	2.98%
Division 20 Portal Widening Turnback	Tutor Perini Corp	D	2.86%
Metro Div 1 Maintenance & Transportation Bldg. Renovation	AP Construction, Inc.	F	1.41%
Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Improvements	Icon-West	F	1.41%
Roof Replacement Project at Metro Div 11 & 22	Archico Design Build Inc.	F	1.01%
Soundwall #11 Construction	Powell Constructors, Inc.	F	0.48%

- A** 6.9% and above
- D** 1.6% to 3.0%
- B** 4.6% to 6.8%
- F** 0% to 1.5%
- C** 3.1% to 4.5%

To view Score Card detail summary, visit [metro.net/pla](http://metro.net/pla).

## Current PLA/CCP Project Attainments

TARGETED WORKER ACTIVITY BY ACTIVE PROJECT (CUMULATIVE)	% PROJECT COMPLETE	PLA/CCP			% OF DISADV WORKERS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM CATEGORY
		GOAL 40% ECON DISADV	GOAL 20% APPRENTICE	GOAL 10% DISADV	
Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor	98.33%	59.86%	23.78%	10.33%	34.60%
Regional Connector Transit Corridor Design/Build	98.28%	61.16%	20.08%	11.08%	74.43%
Westside Subway Extension Project, Section 1 – Design/Build	62.70%	62.03%	20.30%	12.72%	71.65%
Westside Purple Line Extension Project, Section 2 – Design Build	26.65%	40.06%	14.09%	2.46%	82.58%
Purple Line Extension, Section 3 – Tunnel Project D/B	43.13%	36.96%	11.29%	1.74%	68.47%
Purple Line Extension, Section 3 – Stations Project D/B	3.64%	64.79%	10.18%	0.00%	0.00%
Soundwall #11 Construction	95.88%	41.57%	17.46%	9.44%	51.09%
Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Improvements	99.16%	66.50%	24.54%	9.72%	49.86%
Metro Div 1 Maintenance & Transportation Bldg Renovation	98.84%	57.74%	26.20%	13.15%	27.01%
Roof Replacement Project at Div 11 & 22 D/B	91.57%	47.90%	35.38%	14.51%	45.60%
Division 20 Portal Widening Turnback	24.53%	41.43%	17.77%	0.13%	0.00%
Metro Center Street Project D/B	11.77%	63.39%	7.29%	0.00%	0.00%

\*Project hours increased from added scope of work.

Data through June 2021

## Metro is building the workforce of tomorrow.

Metro's PLA/CCP facilitates new training and apprenticeship opportunities for workers across the region. These programs also help those who reside in economically disadvantaged areas to find jobs and training opportunities on Metro projects.

Here's a look at just a few of the workers who have found success working on PLA and Measure R projects:



### Frances Macias Aguilar

Frances Macias Aguilar is a mother of eight who has a passion for the construction trades. As a member of Laborers Local 300, Frances is certified in lane closures and works on the team that handles traffic control for the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project in the heavily congested streets of downtown Los Angeles. Frances' job is to close street lanes to traffic throughout the various active construction sites in the city. Francis says joining the laborers has changed her life dramatically, she looks forward to moving up the ladder and bringing more females into this male-dominated field.



### Jacquie Anzaldo

Jacquie Anzaldo was raised in Wilmington, CA, a single mother with a criminal background has beaten the odds of her employment barriers post incarceration. Jacquie was given a second chance in life when sponsored into Local 300 Laborers Union, which led to her current employment on the Westside Purple Line Subway Extension Project, Section 1. Jacquie is grateful for the opportunity to be able to rebuild her life and have a career in construction.



### Guy Denuccio

Guy is a 1st Period Laborers Apprentice on Metro's Purple Line Extension, Section 1 project. A native of Southern California, Guy enjoys baseball and was a standout athlete in his youth. Before working for Skanska on PLE Section 1, Guy made some regrettable decisions and was incarcerated for nine years. While incarcerated, he vowed to never repeat the same mistakes and promised himself he would get out and begin a life and career his family would be proud of. After being paroled, Guy enrolled in an MC3 training program. After completion, he was given the opportunity to begin working right away. Guy thinks back to his time in the criminal justice system and says, "I'm never going back; this opportunity has given me a chance to change my life and I am proud to be part of building the future of Los Angeles."

## Current Projects Executive Order 11246 Attainments

ACTIVE PROJECTS SUBJECT TO METRO'S PLA/CCP	AFRICAN AMERICAN	ASIAN	CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	NATIVE AMERICAN	OTHER/NOT SPECIFIED	GOAL 28.30% MINORITY	GOAL 6.90% FEMALE
Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor	11.26%	1.48%	20.76%	63.03%	0.79%	2.68%	76.56%	3.61%
Regional Connector Transit Corridor Design/Build	5.80%	0.88%	21.04%	64.79%	0.79%	6.70%	72.26%	4.23%
Westside Subway Extension Project, Section 1 – Design/Build	9.03%	1.70%	21.89%	61.88%	0.49%	5.02%	73.10%	3.64%
Westside Purple Line Extension Project, Section 2 – Design/Build	5.56%	1.60%	24.17%	63.89%	1.13%	3.65%	72.18%	2.98%
Purple Line Extension Project, Section 3 – Tunnel Project D/B	5.09%	0.58%	27.77%	60.91%	1.57%	4.08%	68.15%	4.14%
Purple Line Extension Project, Section 3 – Stations Project D/B	1.02%	3.91%	21.75%	71.93%	0.00%	1.39%	76.86%	7.34%
Soundwall #11 Construction	3.46%	0.02%	12.54%	79.45%	0.00%	4.53%	82.93%	0.48%
Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Stations Improvements	3.69%	2.11%	16.26%	69.34%	0.06%	8.54%	75.20%	1.41%
Metro Div 1 Maintenance & Transportation Bldg. Renovation	4.35%	0.00%	1.89%	56.16%	0.34%	37.25%	60.85%	1.41%
Roof Replacement Project Div 11 & 22	2.54%	1.87%	6.57%	83.22%	0.00%	5.80%	87.63%	1.01%
Division 20 Portal Widening Turnback	3.97%	0.71%	30.32%	62.18%	0.41%	2.42%	67.27%	2.86%
Metro Center Street Project D/B	13.18%	3.33%	41.41%	41.00%	0.00%	1.07%	57.51%	8.12%

Closed project attainments may be found by visiting Metro's PLA/CCP website at [metro.net/pla](http://metro.net/pla).

Based on contractors reported data as of June 2021



### Jenna Dorrough

In 2017, Jenna Dorrough graduated from Women in Non-Traditional Employment Roles' (WINTER) pre-apprenticeship training program as a Carpenter. Since then, Jenna has become certified in OSHA 30, CPR and HAZPOWER training and recounts her story on how she became interested in the building trades. Originally a security guard on a construction project, she was inspired by women on the job site, considering construction is traditionally a male-dominated field. Currently, Jenna is working on Metro's Regional Connector project as a Carpenter where she works every day to gain as much knowledge as possible and ultimately achieve her goal of becoming a crane operator and welder. With her success, Jenna was honored by WINTER this past November 2018 as the Female Craft Worker of the Year.



### Jermaine Edwards

Jermaine Edwards was born and raised in Southeast Los Angeles. After time in prison, he decided he wanted to turn his life around and begin a career in construction, and found an opportunity to work as a Skill Craft Laborer on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit project. Jermaine remains humble about his current success, and even mentors some of his fellow coworkers who have recently transitioned from the prison system into the workplace.



### Eric Falcon

After spending 15 years of incarceration, Eric Falcon vowed to never return to prison. Eric wanted a better life for himself and his family, which led him to attend a pre-apprenticeship training sponsored by Southwest Carpenters Training through the "My Brother's Keeper" program. Upon completion of the program, Eric was hired as a Carpenter (Local 409) on the Westside Purple Line Subway Extension Project, Section 1. A husband and father of three, Eric grew up in the South Los Angeles area, where he continues to reside and raise his family. Eric is grateful for the opportunity that Westside Purple Line team has provided him.



### Dezdon Lewis

Dezdon Lewis was recently awarded the prestigious "Participant of the Year" award from Playa Vista Jobs (PV Jobs) and a Certificate of Recognition from Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard. After being incarcerated for a number of years, Dezdon knew it was time to make a change and teamed up with PV Jobs, who helped him get a job placement within the building trades on Metro's Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor project. For Dezdon, what began as an entry-level ditch digging position has transitioned into a role of

leadership and responsibility, where he is now an Inspector in Charge of Segment Eight Health, Safety and Environment on the project. Dezdon recounts his journey from his time in the criminal justice system to his new leadership role, and actively encourages former inmates to "look above" their situations, create life goals and stick to them.



### Belia Lopez

Belia has always taken a nontraditional approach to life. Since her youth, she has always enjoyed working with her hands and was always fascinated with figuring out how things work. After working in autobody shops for over five years, Belia decided it was time to make a change. The construction industry seemed like a natural transition and she enrolled in an MC3 training program. Belia is currently a 1st Period Apprentice with IBEW Local 11 and is working as an electrician on Metro's Purple Line Extension, Section 1 project. Belia states that she has enjoyed every aspect of the challenges she has faced in the construction industry and looks forward to continuing her personal growth and development in the trades.



### John Mackey

John Mackey works on the Regional Connector project in downtown Los Angeles. Although he struggled with finding a job, he says his new position changed his life dramatically and has allowed him to successfully save money, and he plans to start his own business. Due to this job, he is no longer living at the LA Mission on Skid Row and has moved to a transitional living home. John compared his new job on the Regional Connector project to "winning the lottery."



### Marelly Mendoza

Marelly Mendoza is a single mother of four and native of Los Angeles, California. A few years ago, she was introduced to construction by family and found her calling in the building trades. Since then, she has completed the Laborer's Training Academy and began her career in the trades as Laborer with Local 300. Marelly's journey in the trades has led her to work on mega projects, including Metro's Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor and most recently, Metro's Purple Line Extension, Section 2.



### Ricshawn Moore

Growing up, Ricshawn Moore faced all of the challenges many of our young men face in today's communities. Raised by a hardworking mother in Compton after his father passed away when Ricshawn was just two, he spent too much time on the streets as a teen and ended up struggling with gangs. Ricshawn kept an open mind, worked hard and today is earning a living as a union-scale laborer on the much-anticipated Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project.



### Cynthia Piña

Cynthia Piña grew up in Rosemead, CA, and moved to Watts 10 years ago. During her time in Watts, she became involved with the wrong crowd and moved in and out of the justice system. As a mother of two, she was determined to turn her life around. She enrolled herself in a pre-apprenticeship program and upon completion was hired as a Laborer (Local 300) on the Westside Purple Line Subway Extension Project, Section 1. Through hard work and dedication, Cynthia now is a 4th Period Apprentice, continually learning new skills and progressing in her trade.



### Petra Sanchez

Petra Sanchez is a single mother of two and a former Jobs Coordinator for Women in Non-Traditional Employment Roles, (WINTER). When her role with WINTER came to an end, Petra decided that she would pursue the very same path she had been leading other women to pursue in WINTER's pre-apprenticeship training program. Since completing her training, Petra has been working on Metro's Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor project as an Operating Engineer. Petra states that this new opportunity has provided the stability and flexibility that she was looking for and she is thrilled to be part of the city's transportation future.



### Kimberly Taylor

Kimberly Taylor is a veteran of the construction industry. Seven years ago she decided that she wanted to be part of something more challenging, both mentally and physically; and she decided that construction was the career for her. Today, Kimberly is working on Metro's Westside Purple Line Extension Project as a Gas Detection Technician. Kimberly plays a vital role not only ensuring the safety of her fellow workers on this project but also keeping the project on schedule. She is proud of the work she does and the impact that women like her have made in this industry.



### Jason Thomas

After spending some time in prison, Jason Thomas attended a pre-apprenticeship boot camp sponsored by the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor/LAOC Building Trades, Los Angeles Trade Technical College and ARC. The day after his graduation, Jason interviewed with Walsh Shea Corridor Constructors, and now is working on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor project, as an Operating Engineer (Local 12).



### Angel Valles

Angel Valles is relatively new to the construction industry having only entered the "My Brother's Keeper" program for construction pre-apprentice training last year. Since then, Angel has relished the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to have an impactful and lasting career in the industry as a Carpenter. For the past seven months, she has been working as a 1st Period Apprentice on Metro's Regional Connector Transit Corridor project. When asked what triggered her interest in the trades, Angel responded, "I wanted a physically demanding career that would allow me to use my hands and teach me the skills I need to become a better carpenter."



### Lorrie Williams

Lorrie is a 3rd Period Apprentice from the Pile Drivers/ Carpenters Union working on the Regional Connector project. Lorrie started her career in the trades later than most, having spent many years working in refineries as fire-watch and performing other related tasks. Lorrie decided that she wanted to know more about the construction industry and work in something more hands on, which led her to join the trades. After completing the Maxine Waters MC3 program, Lorrie attended an event where she met representatives from Skanska, the prime contractor for the Regional Connector project. Lorrie found that safety is a big area of interest for her and hopes to work in safety coordination one day. Currently, she holds eight OSHA certificates and is working on obtaining the Construction Health and Safety Technician (CHST) certificate. Lorrie wakes up happy to go to work and loves that she can be a part of history by shaping the LA landscape for future generations.



### Whitney Winans

Whitney Winans, a determined 25-year-old from Compton, CA, who now resides in South Los Angeles, does not let anything stand in the way of her success. As a participant of the Southwest Carpenters Training through the "My Brother's Keeper" program, Whitney is now a 1st Period Apprentice working on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project. Whitney encourages other young women to consider a career in construction.

# Women Build Metro LA (WBMLA)

Women Build Metro LA is a culmination of community advocates, stakeholders and decision makers, including private and public sectors. Together we are committed to increasing the ranks of qualified women candidates for apprenticeship and placement with all Trades. With our partners and stakeholders, including our Women Build Metro LA Committee, we are passionate about increasing female participation, given that women currently make up less than 3% of the construction trade workforce. We are proud to educate and support women's introduction into all aspects of the transportation industry, including administration, professional ranks, operations and more.

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