

**Homeless Encampment Clean-up Procedure
&
Joint Clean-up Efforts Adjacent to
Metro Blue Line ROW**



Metro

Operations, Safety, and Customer Experience Committee
October 17, 2019

Homeless Encampment Clean-Up Procedure

- Facilities Maintenance (FM) Contracts & Administration staff worked diligently in collaboration with various external public agencies and private property owners to develop a robust Homeless Encampment Clean-up Procedure
- The purpose of developing the procedure is to:
 - Ensure providing advance trespassing and clean-up notices
 - Conduct the necessary outreach to the homeless individuals
 - Perform detailed clean-up and sorting handled by hazardous waste trained contractors personnel
 - Offer storage and retrieval of uncontaminated personal properties left behind
 - Ensure proper signage posting, repair of damaged fencing, installation of locks and graffiti abatement
 - Continue delivering safe and outstanding trip experience for all users of the transportation system

Homeless Encampment Clean-Up Procedure & Progress

- As of January 2019, the procedure was finalized and planning began to prioritize the list of active encampments for implementation of the procedure
- Prior to commencement of the clean-up efforts, 34 encampments were identified within Metro Right-Of-Way (ROW)
- To-date, 30 encampments have been cleared within Metro ROW; nine (9) of them were cleared following Metro's newly implemented procedure and 21 were abandoned sites
- The remaining 4 encampments within Metro ROW have been prioritized with projected clean-up schedules
- As part of the clean-up efforts, 80 Tons of trash have been removed; 29, 60-gallon drums of hazardous waste have been properly disposed of; and stored nine (5) bags of uncontaminated personal items and two (2) bicycles
- Encampment clean-up activities require extensive planning and coordination efforts to ensure providing safe and quality service and support



Homeless Encampment Clean-Up Progress



Before

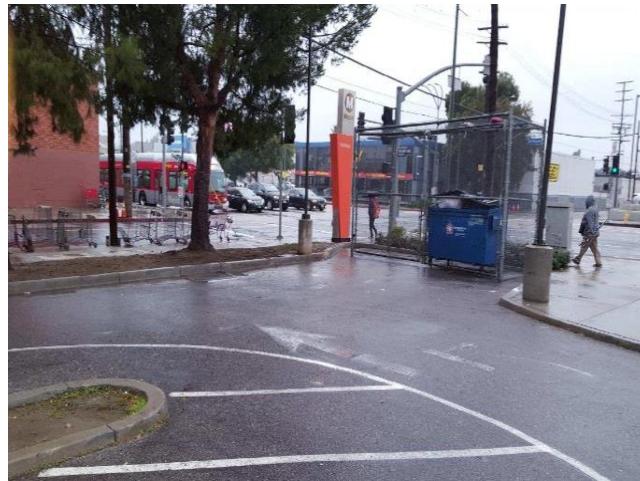
Division 11



After



**MOL
Van Nuys
Parking Lot**



Metro

Homeless Encampment Clean-Up Progress



Before

**Santa Ana
IROW
Studebaker
Road**



After



**Harbor
Sub-Division
Hyde Park**



Joint Clean-up Efforts Parallel to Metro Blue Line ROW

- On August 26 – 30, Metro in coordination with the City of Los Angeles Sanitation & Public Works Departments, Los Angeles County Public Works, and Union Pacific (UP) completed a 5-day clean-up within UP ROW as well as City and County jurisdictions adjacent to MBL ROW
- The clean-up efforts extended to approximately 5.8 miles parallel to MBL from Slauson Station to Douglas Avenue, S. of Willowbrook Station, focusing on the high priority portions of about 2.25 miles
- Services performed were graffiti abatement, trash, overgrown vegetation, hazardous waste and bulky item removal, and clearing of homeless encampments
- 14 homeless encampments were cleared
- 25, five (5) gallon buckets of hazardous waste were removed
- Metro will continue to work with external public and private stakeholders to enhance the customer experience system-wide

Joint Clean-up Efforts Parallel to Metro Blue Line ROW



Before



After



Metro

Joint Clean-up Efforts Parallel to Metro Blue Line ROW



Special Recognition & Appreciation to Metro Stakeholders

Special Thanks to Metro stakeholders within the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, Mayor Robert Garcia, Director Mark Ridley Thomas, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Union Pacific, and Metro staff for their exceptional support and commitment to the joint clean-up efforts parallel to Metro Blue Line ROW

Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti

- Rebecca Rasmussen, Associate Director of Infrastructure
- Daniel Rodman, Deputy Director Transportation Services
- Karina Macias, Transportation Manager

Office of Mayor Robert Garcia

- Luke Klipp, Metro Board Deputy
- Sharon Weissman, Sr Advisor to the Mayor

Office of Director Mark Ridley Thomas

- Lacey Johnson, Community Development Deputy

Special Recognition & Appreciation to Metro Stakeholders

City of Los Angeles Public Works and Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN)

- Paul Racs, Director Office of Community Beautification – Public Works
- Thomas Corrales, Coordination Office of Community Beautification – Public Works
- Gabriel Miranda, Division Manager - LASAN
- Domingo Orosco, Assistant Division Manager - LASAN

Los Angeles County Public Works

- Bill Swindle, Railroad Coordinator
- Elvira Arroyo, Contract Monitor
- Arienne DeChellis, Management Specialist I

Union Pacific Railroad

- Lupe Valdez, Sr. Director Public Affairs
- Terry Morris, Sr. Manager of Public Safety
- Ronald Santana, Flag Man / Coordinator
- UPRR Police Department

Metro Staff

- Todd Garner, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, Contracts & Administration
- Carlos Martinez, Sr. Manager, Facilities Maintenance, Contracts & Administration



Metro