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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Small Businesses Impacted by Construction of Expanding Metro Rail System to Receive Compensation from New Business Interruption Fund**

**WHEN:** 10 AM, Monday, April 6

**WHAT:** Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti and Metro Board member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker will distribute more than \$65,000 to small business owners impacted by Metro Rail construction.

The funds are from the Metro Business Interruption Fund, a pilot program created by the Metro Board last year to help small businesses who are struggling with economic losses due to rail construction on three projects: Crenshaw/LAX, the Little Tokyo area of the Regional Connector and segment one of the Purple Line subway extension.

The Metro Board designated up to \$10 million annually for the fund, an unprecedented program for public construction projects in the United States that represents another way Metro is helping small businesses during major construction.

**WHO:** L.A. County Supervisor & Metro Board Vice- Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas  
L.A. Mayor & Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti  
Metro Board member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker  
Metro Interim Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins  
Pacific Coast Regional Small Business Development Corporation  
President/CEO Mark Robertson  
Small Business Owner from Crenshaw District

**WHERE:** Metro Construction Area  
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