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CMF UPDATE

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Virtual Community Meeting Recap



On June 26, 2021 Metrolink hosted its quarterly update meeting regarding the Central Maintenance Facility (CMF) virtually. At the meeting, Metrolink gave the community a status update of our 11-point Action Plan which included highlights such as:

1. 39 out of 40 Tier 4 locomotives are received and in service.

- 2. Facility improvements:
 - Permanent on and off-site sound monitor installation with public monitoring options
 - Climate Action Plan adopted by Metrolink Board in March 2021
 - Semi-permanent sound barrier construction completed
- 4. Fleet improvements:
 - Renewable diesel demonstration is entering the second phase by testing on a Tier 4 locomotive

Thank you for your participation, your input is invaluable. The PDF version of the PowerPoint can be found <u>HERE</u>. The PowerPoint can also be found in the Community Resources section of <u>metrolinktrains.com/cmf</u>.

In case you were unable to join us, a recording of the meeting will be available until July 26, 2021 in the Virtual Meeting Room (VMR). In the VMR you will find background information about the CMF, a recording of the virtual meeting, and other valuable updates. There is also an opportunity to leave a comment or question.

Please access the VMR using the following link: https://www.virtualeventroom.com/metrolink-cmf/ or by scanning the QR code below



If you have questions, please contact Sylvia Novoa at 213-452-0300 or by email a communityrelations@scrra.net.

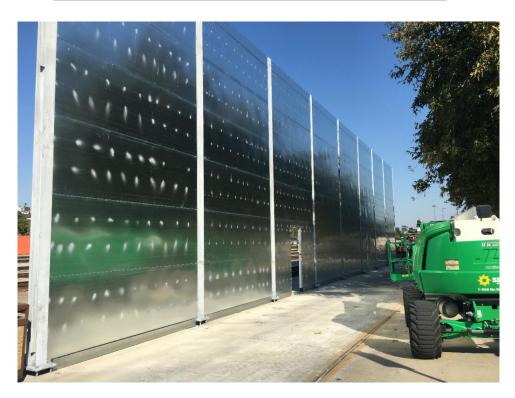
Semi-Permanent Sound Barriers Construction Complete

Recognizing that noise is a community concern, Metrolink is proud to announce the completion of the semi-permanent sound barriers. Two sound barriers were installed at the Service and Inspection area on the CMF yard. The sound barriers are 96 feet long and 24 feet tall and intended to shield noise generated by a locomotive which is 69 feet in length and 16 feet tall. The barriers are made with premium highly

absorptive acoustical panels fabricated from galvanized steel with mylar encapsulated mineral wool. The sound barriers are constructed along the Elysian Valley side of the yard, these high-quality materials absorb sound and prevent them from bouncing to the Cypress Park side. Construction of this effort was completed June 27, 2021.

We are confident this solution will help mitigate the noise from locomotives emanating from the facility. We will maintain a continued commitment and progress toward long term sound mitigation efforts at the CMF.

The final report of the CMF Modernization Study (Action Item 8) can be found <u>HERE</u>. Additional updates on the progress of this effort were provided at the community meeting on June 26, 2021. You can review the PowerPoint <u>HERE</u>. You can also access a recording of the meeting in our virtual meeting room until July 26, 2021: www.virtualeventroom.com/metrolink-cmf/







Central Maintenance Facility (CMF) Action Plan June 2021 Update



We continue to make progress on our commitment to be a good neighbor to the communities near the CMF. To view the latest updates of the CMF Action Plan, please click <u>HERE</u>. You can also view previous CMF updates by visiting <u>metrolinktrains.com/cmf</u>.

Permanent Sound Monitor Installation:

On February 27, 2021, Metrolink installed a total of four permanent sound monitors providing live, real-time sound readings that are available on the CMF page of the Metrolink website. Two monitors have been placed in the community with the access to the live data provided at our website and two installed in the yard for comparison. On Wednesday, April 21, 2021, Metrolink staff found that no data was transmitting from the sound monitor on the bike path adjacent to Harwood Street. On Thursday, April 22, 2021, staff discovered that the sound monitor box was missing from the light pole. Metrolink removed the 2nd monitor at Duval Street as a precaution. The sound monitors are currently offline.

Metrolink staff worked to procure new sound monitors that arrived June 28, 2021. Staff is scheduling testing and secure installation of the equipment in the coming days, with completion expected no later than July 11, 2021. Access to the live readings can be found at: metrolinktrains.com/community-main/cmf. To access more detailed sound readings that includes up to 24 hours of readings click on the links in the "monitor location key." As soon as the sound monitors are installed, secure, and back online, we will notify the community.

Tier 4 Update

As of June 30, 2021, 39 of the 40 Tier 4 locomotives procured by Metrolink have been delivered to SCRRA property. The 40th Tier 4 locomotive was delivered May 14, 2021 and is in testing and

simulated service.

Tier 4 Noise Modifications:

Metrolink has found a software-based solution to help address the elevated noise coming from the F125 locomotive cooling fans during hotter summer temperatures. However, the software modification has caused unexpected faults in other interrelated systems. As a result, the modifications have been put on hold until staff can troubleshoot the issue and find the appropriate solution. Metrolink is working to resolve this issue as quickly as possible and will notify the community as soon as there is further information to share.



Metrolink COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Response:

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

CDC Requires Everyone to Wear Their Masks



COVID-19 has changed all our lives in countless ways. For the last few months, we have made real-time adjustments as stay at home orders, school closures and staged efforts to reopen our region and state have demanded much of our attention. At Metrolink, safety is foundational. Our agency has taken steps to protect against the spread of the COVID-19 disease while protecting our team members, riders, and communities. We thank you for your patience as we have worked to identify ways to enhance communication with the community and update agency practices.

Recovery Plan Framework:

The Metrolink team is working hard to adjust and prepare for the "new normal" and emerge from this pandemic a smarter, better passenger train service. With that in mind, we have developed a Recovery Plan Framework which emphasizes health, safety, and cleanliness;

Health & Safety:

We enhanced cleaning and other safety procedures on our trains and at the locations where our employees work. Cleanliness updates include:

- Installation of new state-of-the-art antimicrobial air filters on all our train cars to ensure the air passengers breathe throughout their journey is safe and clean. They improve the air flow aboard our trains and destroy 99.9% of impurities including bacteria and viruses.
- Trains are deep cleaned every night as well as more staff added to clean more often

Hand sanitizer stations in each train car

at: metrolinktrains.com/cleancommute

 A video of our cleaning process on our trains can be viewed <u>HERE</u>.

We launched the <u>How Full Is My Train?</u> tool for riders to see recent ridership of the train you plan to take and be assured there will be plenty of space for physical distancing. More information regarding the latest health and safety procedures on our trains can be found

On September 25, 2020, the Metrolink board approved the Recovery Plan Framework. Updates on the Recovery Plan Framework are given at Metrolink Board meetings and access to meetings and documents can be found at: metrolinktrains.com/about/board-meetings/agendas-documents. The latest update on the progress of the Recovery Plan was given at the June 25, 2021 board meeting which can be viewed HERE.

Metrolink Operations:

Due to COVID-19, Metrolink has seen a reduction in ridership of up to 90% at its lowest. As a result, Metrolink temporarily reduced its service by 30% on March 26, 2020. You can find the latest schedule information at metrolinktrains.com/temporary-service.

Metrolink has utilized the reduced service levels to accelerate maintenance and rehabilitation activities. For our trains, Metrolink is utilizing four fewer trainsets per day to operate the reduced service. As a result, we have enhanced preventive maintenance on the equipment and used the additional flexibility to address unscheduled maintenance events more strategically. For the infrastructure, Metrolink has used the longer work windows afforded by reduced service to accelerate repairs to track, ties and signal infrastructure.

To get more information about Metrolink's service or response to COVID-19, please visit <u>metrolinktrains.com/coronavirus</u> or text "ML19" to "#333777".

Safety Reminder

Camping, walking, driving or playing near any active train line or along the Metrolink right-of-way (ROW) is dangerous. We know that homelessness is a challenge our communities face. If you see an homeless encampment along the Metrolink ROW please contact us at (866) 640-5190.

Questions and concerns can be directed to Metrolink's Community Relations 24-hour hotline at (213)452-0400 or to communityrelations@scrra.net.

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