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U.S. Transportation Secretary Announces Workforce Development Grant for Our Agency – Grant is Second Largest in the Nation

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood today announced the award of \$3 million from the Federal Transit Administration's *Innovative Workforce Development Program* to support programs around the country that train, hire, develop and retain transit workers. Our agency's proposal ("Metro University: Developing the Next Generation of Transportation Professionals") is one of 12 programs selected for funding from a total of 35 applications that were received from across the nation. Our \$480,000 request was fully funded and represents the only grant awarded in the State of California and the second largest nationwide (with a \$500,000 grant ceiling). The grant will be used in partnership with the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) and the Los Angeles Trade-Technical College to develop a training curriculum for Technical and Leadership Development programs to prepare employees to step into leadership roles that will be vacated due rapid generational turnover during the next five years. This effort is an important step toward achieving budget theme #6: Prepare Tomorrow's Workforce Today. We plan to deploy a technology-based solution that combines the latest version of online learning management tools with the training series that LACCD and its community colleges will deliver to allow transferability to other agencies nationwide. My sincere congratulations and appreciation to staff who worked hard to make this grant award possible.

Westside Subway Extension Project

Media Relations has issued a [news release](#) announcing the dates for the final round of Station Area Advisory meetings for the Westside Subway Extension Project. The meetings, to be held June 20-22, 2011 are intended to obtain stakeholder input on potential urban design and other features at the proposed stations. A summary of the meeting dates and locations are as follows:

[La Brea and Fairfax Station Area Advisory Groups](#)

Monday, June 20th, 5:30 p.m. -- LACMA West - Terrace Room, 5th Floor, 5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90048

[La Cienega and Rodeo Station Area Advisory Groups](#)

Tuesday, June 21st, 5:30 p.m. -- Beverly Hills Library Auditorium, 444 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

[Westwood/UCLA and Century City Station Area Advisory Groups](#)

Wednesday, June 22nd, 5:30 p.m. - Westwood United Methodist Church - Fellowship Hall, 3rd Floor, 10497 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

http://www.metro.net/news/simple_pr/Metro-to-hold-station-area-advisory-meetings-wests/
