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Electric Bus Purchase Press Conference

Today, I joined Board Chair Antonovich and Board Directors Villaraigosa, DuBois and O'Connor to announce a board action ratifying the purchase of the very first all-electric buses for Metro. The \$30 million demonstration project will include the manufacture and delivery of the first five of up to 25 zero-emission buses, as well as efforts to convert six additional buses to super-low emission standards. The bus manufacturer has opened a local facility in Lancaster to assemble the buses for Metro. News media attending the press conference included KABC 7, L.A. Times, CNC (Chinese TV), World Journal, Sinovision, LA 18, China Press, Singhua News, Antelope Valley Times, Channel 36/57 and Korea Times. Stories are expected to run today and tomorrow. To read news release, please click [here](#).

Title VI/ FTA Update

The Acting Director of the Office of Civil Rights, Federal Transit Administration, issued a letter today stating that Metro has "satisfactorily addressed all of the deficiencies identified in the September 2011 Compliance Review; therefore the Compliance Review is closed." Since December 2011, Metro has worked closely with the FTA after a Title VI Compliance Review conducted in July 2011 found Metro deficient in five, out of the twelve, areas that were reviewed. As of January 2013, four of the five areas were resolved to the satisfaction of the FTA - the remaining area being the evaluation of service changes. The June 27, 2013 letter closes out this remaining issue with the FTA concurring with Metro's analysis that the service changes implemented between 2009 and 2011 did not reveal disparate impacts to minority populations. The FTA also specifically acknowledges Metro's Civil Rights and Planning staff for their assistance in resolving this matter. Ultimately, Metro is pleased to finalize this review process and remains committed to ensuring that it will maintain compliance with all provisions of the FTA's Title VI requirements. The Civil Rights Compliance Department is now working on the Title VI Program Update, which must be submitted to the FTA by October 1, 2013. The Update will report on Metro's Title VI compliance for the past three years and will require Board approval at the September 2013 Board Meeting.

6 Month Overview of Metro Volunteers

In the first six months of 2013, Metro Volunteers have represented our agency at 100 community events, big and small, throughout the county. They have promoted Metro, our bus and rail services, safety, TAP, Express Lanes, projects and other agency initiatives reaching nearly half a million people during this time. These events include health and

safety fairs, cultural celebrations and festivals, parades, back-to-school fairs and career days, campus activities, cleanup drives, Seniors on the Move and Riders with Disabilities events, Rideshare functions and more. Recently they represented Metro at the annual Christopher Street West Parade in West Hollywood where 400,000 saw the agency's transit security vehicle in the lineup, Arcadia's Saluting Our Veterans And Families, CicLAvia and the Los Angeles Green Tent Community Fair. The volunteers are staff and family members from throughout Metro who provide an extremely cost-effective service in getting our messages out in the community. Anyone interested in Metro Volunteers can watch their videos on Youtube by searching for "themetrovolunteers" and visiting "LAMetrovolunteers" on Facebook. For more information, please email mv@metro.net or call (213) 922-1341.

Cycle to the Beach with Metro & C.I.C.L.E.

On Saturday, June 29th, 2013, the Metro Bicycle Program will kick off the summer with a [guided bicycle ride](#) lead by C.I.C.L.E. along the mural speckled Ballona Creek Path. The ride will meet at 10:30 am and depart at 11:00 am from the Metro Expo Line La Cienega/Jefferson Station (5664 W. Jefferson Blvd. 90016) on the car-free Ballona Creek Path toward Marina del Rey. The ride will make stops at Overland Avenue and Centinela Avenue to learn about the Creek and the watershed. These stops will also serve as alternative starting points for those who would like a shorter ride. Participants will learn about points of interest to explore upon reaching the shore and will be given one hour to spend at the beach for lunch, a picnic, or to take a dip in the water. The ride will return to the starting point by 2:00 p.m. The route is approximately 14 miles roundtrip with options for a shorter trip. As with all Metro and C.I.C.L.E. rides, this will be family-friendly, leisurely paced, and led by trained leaders. This ride is free and open to everyone. For additional information and upcoming Bike Metro events, please click [here](#).

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