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Today, I joined Congresswoman Janice Hahn (D-44) at a press conference held at the Compton WorkSource Center to congratulate Community Career Development (CCD) on their recent receipt of a Federal Transit Administration Innovative Transit Workforce Development Grant. CCD is one of 17 organizations in 12 states receiving grants totaling \$7 million to train a future generation of transit professionals. CCD will be using the grant to fund the successful Metro Bus Operator Bridge Program and to increase military veterans' participation in the program. Congresswoman Hahn and I praised two Metro bus operators present at the event, Tracy Bell-Moultrie (Division 1) and Manuel Nevarez (Division 9), who are both graduates of the Metro Bus Operator Bridge Program. Our agency is pleased with the positive results of the Metro Bus Operator Bridge Program, which has resulted in the hiring of nearly 650 bus operators since the program began in 2006. Our agency appreciates the efforts of our partners at the Compton Worksource Center, the support of our Board of Directors, and the strong support we are receiving from the Federal Transit Administration. Please click [here](#) to view a picture from today's event.

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The first of five LED real-time signs was installed at the bus stop shelter on Cesar E. Chavez Avenue and Vignes Street as part of a pilot study to test real-time displays at bus stops. The study will focus on the capability of the signs to update bus service information as they receive the Nextrip feed remotely. The study will also test solar-power technology at some of the locations, ADA accessibility concerns, weather exposure, and resistance to vandalism. Metro is looking forward to expanding the installation of signs at additional locations after the study is completed. This study is part of the Bus Stop Information Improvement Program, which was jointly developed by Planning and Creative Services. Please click [here](#) to view a photo of the sign.

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