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Today, our agency submitted a letter, co-signed by the Chief Executive Officers of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink), encouraging the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) to refrain from supporting any effort to weaken provisions regarding Positive Train Control (PTC) that were outlined in the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (RSIA). Over the weekend, APTA held its annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. At the APTA Legislative Conference members of the Commuter Rail CEO's subcommittee considered and approved a proposal to permit the use of alternative technologies to achieve the safety goals sought by the RSIA through the implementation of a PTC system (with a stated deadline of 2015). Our [correspondence](#) urges APTA to respect the long held tradition of consensus-based decision making and not move forward with plans to adopt language with regards to PTC technology that we view as inconsistent with the spirit and letter of the RSIA. Specifically, the letter makes it clear that any alternative technology offered to satisfy RSIA's PTC deadlines must offer interoperability and meet the same safety benefits offered by PTC. We look forward to continuing our work with APTA, federal legislators and the U.S. Department of Transportation to advance our Board-approved policy of aggressively supporting Metrolink's effort to fully implement a PTC system by 2015.

Measure R Oversight Committee Workshop Scheduled

The Measure R Independent Taxpayer's Oversight Committee is scheduled to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. The hearing is required to take place each year to receive public comment on the Committee's Proposed Annual Report on the Measure R independent audits. The report and audits have been distributed to libraries across the county, as required by the Measure R Ordinance and a public hearing notice will be published in various newspapers. The public hearing will be held in the Board Room. Please click [here](#) to view a copy of the Committee's Draft Annual Report on the FY12 Audits.

http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130315_Draft_Oversight_Committee_Report_FY_12_Audits.PDF

East San Fernando Valley Transportation Project

The Daily News has inquired about the East San Fernando Valley Transportation Project. Metro Planning staff reported that the project is now in the scoping process, and several public meetings are planned beginning tomorrow, Saturday, March 16, 2013 through March 27, 2013. Meetings will enable the public to learn more about the project and provide feedback. Currently, Metro is evaluating two build alternatives: a Bus Rapid Transit alternative and Light-Rail Transit alternative, both of which mostly run on Van Nuys Boulevard, the valley's second busiest transit corridor behind the Metro Orange Line. The story on the project and meetings is expected to run tomorrow.

Expo Light Rail Line Construction Notice

Full street closure for Falsework Installation for Bridge Construction

As part of the construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will temporarily close Olympic Boulevard between 20th Street and Cloverfield Boulevard for the installation of the falsework for the Olympic/Cloverfield Bridge in the City of Santa Monica. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor Skanska-Rados Joint Venture (SRJV), and its subcontractors. This construction work will take place on Monday, March 25, 2013 through Thursday, May 2, 2013. Nighttime work hours are scheduled from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](#).

http://www.buildexpo.org/pdf_uploads/cons_55f03epni.pdf

Procurement Postings for Next Week

Hardware for Detroit Diesel Engines (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure hardware for Detroit Diesel Engines. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 18, 2013 through August 31, 2013. Hardware for the Detroit Diesel Engines is needed to maintain the fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. Award of contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1018.

Steam Soap (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure concentrated liquid green certified degreaser/steam soap. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 20, 2013 through July 18, 2013. The degreaser steam soap will be used to clean various surfaces when used at full concentration and/or diluted in steam cleaners, pressure washers, chassis washers, hot dip tanks, automatic part washers and hand washing applications. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1025.

CCTV Security Monitoring Equipment (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure CCTV Security Monitoring Equipment. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 20, 2013 through April 26, 2013. The surveillance equipment covered by this specification shall consist of Bosch Security Systems equipment or approved equal, to be used by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA). The surveillance equipment shall integrate to existing Bosch video management systems at Terminal 19, Location 29, and Location 75. The vendor shall furnish, deliver, and warrant

the Bosch Security Systems equipment according to these specifications and shall include all items and/or accessories not mentioned, but required. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by James A. Nolan, Sr. Contracts Administrator at (213) 922-7312.

320 HP CNG Engines (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure up to 195 natural gas fueled heavy duty engines. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 21, 2013 through July 8, 2013. The natural gas engines are being procured to support Metro's program to re-power its fleet of NABI 9000 series ARTIC 60-foot buses. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Otto Ojong, Contract Administration Manager at (213) 922-1454.

Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events

Next week, I will attend the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games Kick-Off Meeting, a press event for the launch of Metro's new Bicycle Traffic Safety Campaign and a Union Station Master Plan Briefing. I will also attend the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) Facility Dedication Ceremony and our March Committee Meetings. Lastly, I will attend several FY14 Budget Review Meetings.

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