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My First Week

Thank you to all who helped welcome me and make my first week at Metro a special and informative one. I look forward to continuing to get to know you better as I take on this exciting position. I'd like to reiterate that I consider it an honor to serve every employee, the Metro Board of Directors, contract employees, and the public at large. I believe we are primed to become the best transportation agency in the world, and I look forward to working with you to make that happen. Failure is not an option.

Bike Week Los Angeles – May 10-16, 2015

On Monday morning, I joined Metro Board Members Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis and Caltrans District 7 Director Carrie Bowen, along with Los Angeles City Councilmember José Huizar and officials from Los Angeles City Department of Transportation, Metrolink, Good Samaritan Hospital and Ciclavia to kick off Bike Week L.A. Metro planned lots of great events and initiatives around bike week, and offered free rides to bicyclists on Thursday. Bicycling is an affordable, emission-free, healthy and sustainable transportation mode that is complementary to riding transit. It was my pleasure to speak in support of a more bikable Los Angeles and to work with our partners across the County.

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx Visits Metro to Mark Infrastructure Week and Deliver Remarks at Union Station for UCLA Event

On Thursday, May 14, 2015, I was pleased to join Metro Board Chair and Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti, Director and Supervisor Michael Antonovich, Director and Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, and Director Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker in welcoming Secretary Anthony Foxx at an event marking Infrastructure Week held at our new Bus Division 13. We took Secretary Foxx on a tour of Metro's nearly completed Division 13, which will achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Certification of Gold, making it one of the greenest facilities of its kind in the world. Infrastructure Week is a national initiative to highlight the critical importance of investing in and modernizing America's infrastructure systems. Secretary Foxx posted on his [blog](#) that Division 13 is "exactly the kind of investment in public transportation infrastructure that we need to continue making."

In the evening, it was my pleasure to introduce the Secretary's lecture. I enjoyed hearing from the Secretary on important issues and themes in transportation infrastructure and the question and answer session moderated by Brian Taylor, Director, UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies. Please click [here](#) for some event photos and highlights from the UCLA community.

Los Angeles Metro Welcomes the Multiple Agency Exchange (MAX)

This week, Metro hosted representatives from MARTA in Atlanta, RTD in Denver, and DART in Dallas. I'd like to thank the MAX group for their interest in learning from Los Angeles and for helping to build partnership amongst transportation companies. We are looking forward to their continued input and ideas. I would also like to thank our Metro representatives for taking the opportunity to learn and to teach valuable industry lessons and best practices so that we can all grow and improve.

All-Door Boarding Pilot Test on Wilshire Rapid Line 720

On Monday, May 18, 2015, we will begin an eight-week pilot test of All-Door Boarding on Wilshire Rapid Line 720 with the objective of reducing the variability and duration of dwell times at stops by allowing TAP enabled customers to board the bus through any door. This project complements the recently opened bus lanes which help reduce travel time as the bus moves along the corridor. The test will be conducted at two of the line's busiest stops on weekdays only:

- Wilshire/Vermont westbound (6:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)
- Wilshire/Westwood eastbound (2:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.)

During the test period, Stand Alone TAP Validators (SAVs) will be placed on the sidewalk adjacent to the front, middle and rear doors of the bus as it berths at the bus stop. Customers with valid TAP cards will be able to validate their card at the SAV as they board the bus at any door. Customers paying with cash, inter-agency transfers, tokens, or needing assistance will continue to board at the front door. Staff will be on scene to assist customers and manage operations. Security will also be at each location to ensure the safety of our customers and staff as we conduct the pilot test.

A comprehensive internal and external marketing and outreach campaign is in place, including distributing Take Ones in multiple languages on vehicles and at the two test locations, project web page, blog story on The Source/El Pasajero, email-blast, posters and banners at the two locations, discussions with Division managers, Vehicle Operations Supervisors, and Line 720 Operators, and instructions distributed to Operators. This pilot test is a collaborative effort between the Office of Management and Budget, TAP, Operations, Countywide Planning, Communications, and LA Metro Protective Services (LAMPS).

Society of California Archivists Selects Metro for 2015 Annual Archives Appreciation Award

The Society of California Archivists has selected Metro as the recipient of its 2015 annual Archives Appreciation Award. This honor is bestowed upon only one agency, organization or institution in California each year for its outstanding support of archival programs. Previous recipients include The Walt Disney Company, Levi Strauss & Co, the Leon and Sylvia Panetta Institute for Public Policy, The California Historical Society and the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Metro is being recognized for its extraordinary efforts in collecting, preserving and providing access to archival materials in our collection dating back to the 1870s. The Metro Transportation Library & Archive's support of the research community has been complemented by a tremendous increase in news stories, publications and museum exhibits that have used the agency's collections. In addition to serving our employees, contractors and consultants, Metro has "gone the extra mile" in engaging the public with historic photographs, film, maps, reports, manuscripts, audio recordings and other assets. This information provides critical context for understanding Metro's ambitious mobility agenda today. One example of how compelling this information is for the public is evidenced by the success of the Library's online Flickr photo collection. In just six years, its 10,000 digital images have been accessed over 10 million times.

In supporting Metro's nomination for this prestigious award, Nathan Masters, the Manager of Academic Events & Programming Communication for the University of Southern California Libraries noted that he has turned time and again to Metro's vast digitized photographs and documents for transportation history stories written on the KCET website. His series is the most highly viewed content on that robust property. He has remarked that "Metro has demonstrated – to a degree that is remarkable for a public agency – a commitment to preserving archival resources and making them available to professional researchers, scholars, and the general public."

Author Ethan Elkind recommended Metro as a recipient of this award for its support in his research for [Railtown: The Fight for the Los Angeles Metro rail and the Future of the City](#). He made extensive use of both historical and contemporary resources, including meeting transcripts and the digitized Board Archives. He noted that "I could not have produced such a comprehensive and accessible history without the help of this library and archive and its dedicated staff."

Metro will be honored at a meeting of archivists from thirteen Western States in Denver later this month.

State Route 710 North Study Public Hearings

On May 7, 2015 in El Sereno, Metro and Caltrans completed the fourth in a series of five public hearings on the State Route 710 (SR 710) North Study Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). The Draft EIR/EIS studied a 100 square mile region, generally bounded by Routes 2, 5, 10, 210 and 605, an area affected by congestion and air pollution largely due to an incomplete transportation link in the highway system. Three prior public hearings were held in Monterey Park, Pasadena and La Cañada-Flintridge. More than 400 people attended the four public hearings and gave comment either by verbally addressing those assembled, through written comments, via email or by making a statement to a court reporter. The public comment period ends July 6, 2015. The SR 710 North Study fulfills the mandate from two million Los Angeles County voters that passed Measure R in 2008 and named the SR-710 gap as one of the regional transportation problems that needed to be solved.

To further promote public participation, and in response to requests made by stakeholders representing the community of East Los Angeles, an additional public hearing for the State Route 710 North Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/ EIS) will be hosted by Caltrans and Metro. This 5th Public Hearing will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at David Wark Griffith Middle School located at 4765 East Fourth Street, East Los Angeles, CA. 90022. The map viewing will be begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue throughout duration of the public hearing. The formal public hearing will begin at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m.

Procurement Postings

New Trucks with 12' Stake Beds (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure new trucks with 12' stake beds.

The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, May 19, 2015 through Friday, July 31, 2015.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Greg Baker, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7577.

Biomethane (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to acquire Biomethane. The black-out period will run from Wednesday, May 13, 2015 through Saturday, October 31, 2015.

Metro is seeking a qualified Energy Service Provider (ESP) to supply a portion of Metro's natural gas requirements in the form of a guaranteed supply of biomethane or renewable natural gas (RNG) derived from non-fossil sources such as landfills, wastewater treatment plants, and dairy digesters.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Nathan Jones III, Contract Manager at (213) 922-6101.

Life Support Devices (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure self-contained life support breathing equipment to support Metro's Threat Interdiction Unit activities, as outlined in the Statement of Work.

The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, May 20, 2015 through Wednesday, June 10, 2015. **This procurement has a zero percent (0%) DBE goal.**

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by J. A. Nolan Sr. Contract Administrator at nolanj@metro.net.

Night Vision Equipment (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure night vision equipment to support Metro's Threat Interdiction Unit activities, as outlined in the Statement of Work.

The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, May 22, 2015 through Friday, June 12, 2015. **This procurement has a zero percent (0%) DBE goal.**

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by J. A. Nolan Sr. Contract Administrator at nolanj@metro.net.

Supportive Transit Parking Program Master Plan (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure professional services for Supportive Transit Parking Program Master Plan.

The purpose of the procurement is to create a master plan for Metro to manage its growing parking resources. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, May 19, 2015 through Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by W. T. (Ted) Sparkuhl, Sr. Contract Administrator at sparkuhlw@metro.net.

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