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Rappin' with Phil

To encourage innovation and input, I will be starting a new program called "Rappin' with Phil." Employees will be given the opportunity to sign up for 15 minutes on the clock with me. There will be ground rules established to ensure that the time is used appropriately. I will be starting this program in July and committing three hours a month to rappin'.

These sessions are for us to create, to innovate, to build together, and to come to understand the issues and solutions as you see them. They are to understand one another better and to empower employees to speak with one voice. This is not an opportunity for employees to circumvent management, nor is this time intended for venting complaints and making excuses.

I look forward to rappin' with you and to hearing your ideas. This is one of the many ways I hope to empower staff to unlock the creativity and potential that I know is within us.

"Don't Be Silent" - Support Fight Against Human Trafficking

Today, I joined Los Angeles County Supervisors and Metro Board members Don Knabe, Hilda Solis, Mark Ridley-Thomas, Metro Board member Jacqueline Dupont-Walker, Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell, and advocacy group Peace Over Violence to ask the public to speak out against human trafficking and to reiterate their collective efforts to crack down on the demand-side of the illicit child sex trafficking industry, and to announce the launch of an updated Countywide Metro and billboard awareness campaign. We were joined by our business partners from Clear Channel Outdoor, OUTFRONT Media and Lamar Advertising, whose billboards will help our outreach on this issue throughout the county. Media covering the event included NBC 4, ABC 7, Estrella TV, Mundo Fox, Vida Nueva Newspaper, Azteca TV, LA Sentinel, Daily Journal, Telemundo and La Opinion.

Metro's updated campaign includes 3,000 ads placed on buses and rail cars across Los Angeles County. In addition, 85,000 brochures containing resources on how to help victims of human trafficking will be placed in Metro's customer centers, stations, buses and trains. All ads and brochures contain a QR code that directs to the L.A. Transit Watch mobile app, our free app which allows anyone to report suspicious activity safely and anonymously. Metro's Training & Development Department will coordinate this training, along with Operations Central Instruction (OCI). The training will be rolled out in two stages, with the first stage focusing on non-contract employees from June through August. Training for contract employees will then be delivered throughout the remainder of 2015.

Purple Line Extension Section 1 Construction Community Meeting

On Thursday night, Metro held a construction community meeting for Section 1 of the Purple Line Extension Project. The project's Construction Relations team presented the latest updates on pre-construction work, reviewed the progress and

upcoming work at the North La Brea Staging Yard, and discussed an overview and schedule of pile drilling, which will begin at La Brea later this year. Other topics included the upcoming tree removal schedule and public hearing, Metro's On the Move Rider's Club and new details on Eat, Shop, Play Wilshire. For a copy of the presentation, please click [here](#).

California Transportation Foundation Honors I-405, Eat, Shop, Play Crenshaw

On Thursday, May 21, 2015, the California Transportation Foundation held their 26th annual Transportation Awards in Sacramento. The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project won Freeway/Expressway Project of the Year, and Metro's Eat, Shop, Play Crenshaw program was recognized as one of 3 top finalists (out of 99) for the Public Outreach Program of the Year award. Metro's Deputy Executive Officer of Community Relations Ann Kerman, Director of Construction Relations Yvette Rapose, Manager of External Affairs JC Lacey and Marketing Account Executive Susana Valdez attended the ceremony in Sacramento, with Ann joining Carrie Bowen, Metro Board Member and Caltrans' District 7 Director, and Art Hadnett, Stantec's Vice President, Regional Business Leader, Transportation on stage to receive the award. To view the award, please click [here](#).

The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project was awarded for adding a 10-mile HOV lane on the northbound I-405 between the I-10 and US-101 freeways and improving supporting infrastructure such as ramps, bridges, and sound walls on the I-405, while widening lanes from the I-10 to the US 101. Additionally, the project removed and replaced the Mulholland bridge during the historic Carmageddon, realigned 27 on and off-ramps, widened 13 existing underpasses and structures, and constructed approximately 18 miles of retaining walls and sound walls. In 2012, the California Transportation Foundation named Construction Relations' Carmageddon effort Public Outreach Project of the Year.

Bond Funding Received for Capital Projects

Metro has received our final disbursement of State Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Accounting (PTMISEA) Program funds in the amount of \$4,669,881 for the Regional Connector Project and new bus purchases. With receipt of these funds, we are now able to confirm receipt of all funds under this program.

In November 2006, California voters approved Proposition 1B, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. Proposition 1B created the PTMISEA Program, which allocated \$3.6 billion to transit operators for capital projects statewide. Through the PTMISEA Program, Metro secured approximately \$963 million in state bond funding for ten of our capital projects. Please find [here](#) a chart listing the ten projects and their funding amounts as allocated and received. I would like to congratulate our staff for their work in securing this important state bond funding made available to our agency to further our transportation program.

Metro's ADA Compliance Reviewed

A team from the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) in San Diego spent two days, April 23 and 24, conducting a peer review of Metro's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The team from MTS concluded that in their opinion, Metro is in full compliance with the ADA and is actually going above and beyond the requirements of the Act.

A peer review of our ADA compliance must be done every year as one of the terms in a multi-year settlement of an ADA lawsuit. The three-person team from MTS held meetings with representatives from Operations, Maintenance, Customer Relations, County Counsel, Civil Rights, Risk Management, Countywide Planning and Communications. They also conducted a covert in-service observation of wheelchair securement by a bus operator, toured the maintenance operation at a division and observed the enhanced ADA operator training at Operations Central Instruction.

Procurement Postings

Dot Net Developer Services (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Dot Net Developer services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, May 11, 2015 through Wednesday, July 1, 2015. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.**

Metro is seeking a Dot Net developer to enhance existing transit applications and develop several new applications.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Mark Lu, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4689.

Metro Freeway Service Patrol Towing Services for General Purpose Lanes & ExpressLanes (IFB)

Metro will release a Two-Step Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) towing services on selected roadway segments referred to as beats in the Los Angeles County area. A total of sixteen (16) multi-vehicle light duty tow service contracts are anticipated to be awarded to patrol 14 general purpose lanes (Beats 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 17, 23, 27, 29, 31, 39, 43, and 50), and 2 ExpressLanes (Beats 70 and 71). A bidder awarded an FSP contract will be required to provide continuous roving patrol vehicles and provide service assistance to disabled vehicles during contracted hours. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, May 27, 2015 through Monday, September 7, 2015.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aielyn Dumaua, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7320.

Project Approval & Environmental Document for the I-605/SR-91 (RFP)

Metro will release an Architectural and Engineering qualifications based Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA/ED) for improvements to the Westbound SR-91, from Shoemaker Avenue to

the I-605/SR-91 interchange. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, May 28, 2015 through Monday, October 5, 2015.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Erika Estrada, Contract Administration Manager at (213) 922-1102.

Diesel Fuel, Ultra-low Sulfur (IFB) Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week for Diesel Fuel, Ultra-low Sulfur. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, May 25, 2015 through Wednesday, July 1, 2015. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.**

Diesel Fuel is required for the operation of Metro's fleet of non-revenue vehicles. Award of contract will provide a commitment from the suppliers to ensure availability at a fixed price.

Any inquiries from the public concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Juelene Close, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1066.

Heavy Rail Vehicles (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to procure up to 282 Heavy Rail Vehicles (HRVs), including a base order of 64 vehicles and options for up to 218 additional vehicles. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, May 28, 2015 to Monday, June 6, 2016.

The sixty-four (64) vehicle Base Order includes thirty-four (34) vehicles for Section 1 of the Purple Line Extension and thirty (30) vehicles to replace HRVs that have reached the end of their useful life. The 218 Option vehicles are required to meet future fleet needs for service expansions and new extensions. The total quantity including Base and Option Vehicles of 282 new vehicles are anticipated to be required to a) expand the base operation and reduce headways; b) operate the system at full capacity with the opening of the three (3) Westside Purple Line sections; and c) replace existing vehicles that have reached the end of their useful life.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action must be directed to and may only be answered by Joe Marzano, Contract Administration Manager at (213) 922-7014.

Drug Testing Laboratory Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) on Friday, May 15, 2015 to procure Drug Testing Laboratory Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, May 15, 2015 through Monday, August 31, 2015.

Metro conducts testing of its safety-sensitive employees (approximately 8,000) and job candidates in accordance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations 49 CFR Part 655. Metro is seeking a qualified laboratory to perform testing analysis of urine specimens under these regulations. Collections and testing are performed using the procedures outlined in Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations 49 CFR Part 40, which require that collected urine specimens be processed by laboratories certified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and that all confirmed results be reported to a Medical Review Officer (MRO) for verification. A laboratory participating in DOT drug testing must comply with the requirements in the HHS Mandatory Guidelines for Federal HHS requirements.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Maria V. Lechuga, Principal Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7206.

Construction Notices

Expo Phase II: Colorado Avenue Street Closures for Final Paving – Tuesday, May 26 through Tuesday, June 30, 2015

Caltrans Interstate 5: Between SR-170 and SR-118, at I-5/SR170 Interchange – Tuesday, May 26 through Tuesday, June 30, 2015

*“Many small people, who in many small places, do many small things
that can alter the face of the world”*

~Quote from Berlin Wall



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