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Los Angeles Times Editorial Board

Yesterday, I had my first editorial board meeting with the Los Angeles Times. I met with editors, editorial writers and reporters, and outlined my vision for the agency. One thing we are to understand as a public agency is that we are service providers using taxpayers' monies and with that comes a responsibility to the public. Working with the LA Times allows us to keep the public notified on a large scale of all of our important projects that are shaping the Los Angeles region. I encouraged the Times staff to maintain an ongoing dialogue with Metro as we continue this path towards innovation in transportation and greater mobility throughout Los Angeles County.

I-5 Carpool Lane Ribbon Cutting

Yesterday, Metro Board Director and Mayor of Glendale Ara Najarian, Caltrans District 7 Director and Metro Board Member Carrie Bowen, Los Angeles City Councilmember and local officials from Los Angeles City Council, the Federal Highway Administration, California Highway Patrol, and representatives from the offices of Directors Antonovich and Kuehl joined in a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of 16 miles of carpool lanes on I-5 which will reduce congestion and improve travel times. The ribbon cutting celebrated the completion of two projects that constructed carpool lanes in both directions of the I-5 from SR-118 in Pacoima to Buena Vista Street in Burbank, a distance of eight miles. The SR-170 to SR-118 project also built a new northbound SR-170 to I-5 connector and a new carpool lane connector between I-5 and SR-170. Additionally, the projects replaced sections of concrete pavement and widening overcrossings. The total cost of both projects was \$323 million of which Metro contributed \$241 million. Currently, there are 554 miles of carpool lanes in District 7, making our freeways more efficient and more sustainable modes for Angelenos. For photos from the event, please click [here](#).

Girl Scouts Visit Women Can Build Exhibit at Union Station

On Wednesday, the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles visited Jobs to Move America's free photo exhibit *Women Can Build: Re-envisioning Rosie* in Union Station. We are very pleased that younger generations of women are being exposed to careers in industries directly related to our own and are proud to support those efforts. As our Public Communications Officer Anna Chen explains on The

Source, “there is still a noticeable gender gap in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and math), construction and manufacturing,” and, she furthers, exhibits like these are strong steps towards closing gender gaps, breaking down barriers, and showing young girls that “careers in those fields are absolutely options available to them.”

Anna is right. These, and all jobs at Metro, are absolutely available to women. We must emphasize this fact in support of our efforts to attract talent to our industry and invest in our workforce. And broader access to opportunities for women applies not only to our workforce and industry, but also to our ridership as we seek to understand the communities we serve with all their demographic shifts, workforce/lifestyle changes and ever evolving mobility needs.

Congresswoman Karen Bass Successfully Advances Amendment to Reform Federal Local Hire Rules

On Tuesday, Congresswoman Karen Bass (D-37) offered an amendment on the House floor to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2016 that would permit local hiring for transportation projects using federal funding. The amendment was adopted by voice vote. Metro is deeply appreciative to Congresswoman Karen Bass for her strong and sustained leadership in reforming federal local hire rules. Thanks to Congresswoman Bass and the ongoing efforts of our Board of Directors, Metro will be launching our first federally funded contract subject to a local hire program for the Southwestern Yard, which is a key component of the Crenshaw/LAX transit project. Metro’s Local Hire Program will provide construction career opportunities to residents of the project area and Los Angeles County, allowing those most affected by construction to share in the economic benefits of this investment of public dollars. Specifically, Metro’s Local Hire Program for the Southwestern Yard will have the following hiring goals; 40% community/local area workers; 20% apprentice workers; and 10% disadvantaged workers. For more information as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).

TRB and Metro Co-Host “Sustainability in a Time of Resource Scarcity”

This past Sunday through Tuesday, Metro joined the Transportation Research Board (TRB) in hosting “Sustainability in a Time of Resource Scarcity” workshop. This workshop on managing and adapting to the changing environment and increasing demand on resources aligns with our interest in emerging as the best, most flexible and innovative agency in the world. To be the best, we must understand major trends, think big, and think ahead.

Participants in the workshop had the opportunity to engage with fellow government partners and private practitioners from across the country, and learn how to operate and live sustainably in a time of resource scarcity. Topics varied from water resource management to energy management and pollution prevention.

APTA Peer Review of Rail Operating Practices and Program

This week, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) conducted a Peer Review of Metro’s bus and rail operating practices and program with an emphasis on red light signal violations. The objective of this effort was to establish a clear plan for continuous improvement, incorporating best practices for operational testing programs and procedures. The panelists met with internal bus and rail operations staff, reviewed rules, procedure and employee training, in addition to assessing our transit system.

Metro is Biggest Loser

Los Angeles County, San Bernardino County and Metro recently competed in the “2015 Interagency Greatest Loser” contest. Metro emerged the winner with an overall weight loss percentage of 2.11%. I'd like to congratulate all who participated from all three organizations, all of whom achieved a weight loss percentage of 1.95 or higher. A healthy mind and body are invaluable to our employees and to our agency as we continue our work to improve the quality of life of the County.

Go Metro to LA Pride

This weekend, Go Metro to LA Pride, the LGBT celebration in West Hollywood. Metro will be in the parade again this year, as well as providing service to the area. LA Pride, put on by the Christopher Street West association, is composed of volunteers committed to the goals of human rights, education, outreach and better understanding within our community, as well as the non-LGBT community. The celebration is a unifying force that provides the resources to promote and accomplish these goals. For Metro, it is an opportunity to understand the communities we serve, attract new customers to our system, and provide excellence in service and support. The pride we take in ourselves is a very powerful force.

As a result of the festivities, there will also be service disruptions and detours. For more information as posted on The Source, including options for Going Metro, please click [here](#).

Passenger Amenity Upgrade - East Portal Restroom Renovation

Beginning Friday, June 26, 2015 for approximately 8 weeks, the men's and women's restrooms located in Union Station East will be closed for renovations. Temporary restrooms will be made available to patrons on Patsaouras Transit Plaza during the project.

The renovations will include new bathroom fixtures, longer restroom stalls to accommodate travelers' luggage, improved ventilation, brighter polished concrete floors and new wall finishes.

To view renderings of the finished restrooms, please click [here](#).

Procurement Postings

Safety Culture and Rail Operation (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a qualified Consultant to perform Metro Safety Culture and Rail Operational Safety Analysis services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, June 12, 2015 through Friday, July 24, 2015.

Metro Board directed the Inspector General to hire a consultant firm/team that specializes in performing/analyzing and/or conducting research into developing a zero tolerance policy for Red Light violations of our Rail and Bus systems. This consultant/firm and/or team must have expertise in safety culture, and rail operation safety to conduct a review of Metro rail operations and management, and be able to conduct a root cause analysis of the Red light violations committed over the past two years.

Metro Board approved Motion 52 at its meeting on February 26, 2015 to create a strong safety culture for the agency, recognizing that rail accidents in particular are often tragic final outcomes of an agency that has not provided a strong focus on fostering and maintain a strong safety culture for the

agency over a period of time.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Barbara A. Gatewood, Senior Contracts Administrator at (213) 922-7317.

Metro Transit Policing And Security Workload/Staff Analysis (RFP) Small Business Prime

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On April 30, 2015 the Metro Board directed the Office of Inspector General to continue its review of staffing and workload of our transit police departments. The OIG will engage the services of a consultant and/or consultant firm to perform an in-depth analysis of law enforcement workload, a risk assessment, risk mitigation strategies, and staffing and deployment needs. The consultant will accomplish the review by performing steps such as, but not limited to, interviewing appropriate Metro staff, Board officials, law enforcement staff, Metro security officials, and security guard firms; collecting pertinent documents, records, and reports, ("documents") including workload, crime exposure in systems, staffing, and response time.

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Water Features Cleaning and Maintenance (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure cleaning and maintenance services to numerous water features at the Union Station East complex. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, June 18, 2015 to Thursday, July 23, 2015.

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Westside Purple Line Extension Section 2 Contract Modification (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a qualified Consultant to perform an independent audit of the Westside Purple Line Extension Section 2 - Modification 52, Contract No. PS4350-2000. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 12, 2015 through July 27, 2015.

On February 26, 2015, Metro Board of Directors approved Board Item 47 to authorize Contract Modification 52, and also approved a motion that directs Metro's Inspector General to conduct this audit. Metro will engage the services of an independent auditor or auditing firm to perform an assessment and analysis of the total work hours to perform advanced preliminary engineering work; evaluate proposed billable rates; identify management redundancies; review and evaluate the accuracy and completeness of preliminary engineering drawings; review Contractor's methodologies, documentation, and schedules that support engineering work related to Modification No. 52.

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Metro Gold Line: Between Union Station and Sierra Madre Villa Stations – Overhead Catenary System (OCS) repair work during weekdays in the coming weeks

- After comprehensive inspections of the OCS on Metro's Gold Line, staff identified frayed tension cables that needed to be replaced. Over the next several weeks Metro will be repairing overhead catenary and replacing a number of balance weight assembly components.
- To minimize the impact on service, the repair work is being scheduled during non-peak hours, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. There will be 3-car trains during this time to offset service reduction. The repair work is anticipated to be completed by July 31, 2015.
- Staff will provide aggressive and focused customer advisory during this time to notify our patrons of this work.

Metro Blue Line: Between Vernon and LATTC/Ortho Institute Stations -- Station Closures for Refurbishment for This Weekend

- As part of the Blue Line refurbishment project to replace station canopies, lighting, paint and other components, train service will be replaced by bus shuttles between Vernon and LATTC/Ortho Institute Station.
- During this time, customers traveling to/from Downtown's 7th Street/Metro Center will use the Expo Line instead to LATTC/Ortho Institute Station and connect with Blue Line bus shuttles to Vernon.
- Metro is providing bus shuttle buses to match the frequency of train service with an Express Service operating directly between the Blue Line Vernon Station and LATTC/Ortho Institute Stations.
- Local service to Washington/San Pedro/Grand Stations is provided by a second set bus shuttle buses matching the frequency of train service.

Expo Phase II: National Boulevard and Robertson Boulevard Lane Closures – Friday, June 12 through Monday, June 15, 2015

Caltrans Interstate 5: All construction updates

“Concern for man himself and his safety must always form the chief interest of all technical endeavors.”

~Albert Einstein



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