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All Hands Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended or listened-in to the All Hands meeting on Tuesday. I took the opportunity to share with you an update on where we are since I began leading this agency and where we are headed. One thing I would like for all to remember is that we are striving to be the best transit agency in the world. Through mutual respect, investing in our employees, keen asset management, extraordinary leadership and ceaseless creativity and innovation, Metro will emerge as the model transit agency of the world. If you would like to view the recorded All Hands meeting, please click [here](#).

Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit Project Selected as Outstanding Transportation Project of the Year

The Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Wilshire Middle Lanes/Western to San Vicente Project has been selected as the Outstanding Transportation Project of the Year by the Los Angeles Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The Wilshire BRT project, a cooperative effort between Metro, the City and County of Los Angeles and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), was awarded \$23.3 million in FTA Very Small Starts grant funding with Metro and the City of Los Angeles providing the local match.

The project spans approximately 12.5 miles from just west of downtown Los Angeles to the Santa Monica city line at Centinela. It includes 7.7 miles of peak period bus lanes, 9.9 miles of enhanced signal priority and 3.6 miles of major curb lane reconstruction along this segment of Wilshire Boulevard. The Wilshire Middle Lanes was funded separately by the City of Los Angeles. The City of Los Angeles' Bureau of Engineering, who oversaw construction of the project, will be presented the award at a special event on Friday, August 14, 2015 at Los Angeles City Hall.

Breakfast with Women's Transportation Seminar – Los Angeles

Yesterday, I was pleased to speak at the Women's Transportation Seminar – Los Angeles (WTS-LA) breakfast event hosted by WTS-LA at the historic Millennium Biltmore Hotel here in downtown Los Angeles. This event was a great opportunity to share my Metro vision with key transportation

representatives and stakeholders who work closely with WTS-LA. I want to personally thank WTS-LA President Amanda Smith and Vice President Lisa Karwoski for inviting me to speak at their breakfast event and I look forward to working with them on various transportation issues.

State Route 710 North Draft EIR/EIS Public Review & Comment Period Ends

The Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/EIS) for the State Route 710 North Study was released and circulated for public review and comment on March 6, 2015 for a 120-day period. Given the complexity of the document, Caltrans, in coordination with Metro, extended the comment period from July 6, 2015 to August 5, 2015. Since its release, five public hearings on the Draft EIR/EIS were held by Caltrans in Monterey Park, Pasadena, La Cañada-Flintridge, El Sereno and East Los Angeles. Nearly 900 individuals attended the public hearings. Caltrans accepted comments by mail, in person at the public hearings and online. Around 2,500 individuals and organizations provided comments by the close of the public review and comment period including those provided verbally at the hearings as well as letters, comment cards, emails, and online submissions that have been sent in. In the coming months, the study team will review and evaluate all of the comments received during this period.

Northern Corridors Cities Meeting

On Monday, August 3, 2015, I, along with Metro staff, attended a Northern Corridor Cities meeting in Santa Clarita that was hosted by City of Glendale Mayor and Metro Director Ara Najarian. Director Najarian chairs a group of elected officials who serve as an advisory panel for transportation issues for the Northern Corridor Cities that he represents on the Metro Board. The corridor is comprised of the Cities of Glendale, Burbank, San Fernando, Hidden Hills, La Canada-Flintridge, Santa Clarita, Palmdale, Lancaster, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Malibu, and Westlake Village. Approximately 30-40 individuals attended, where I spoke about things that LA Metro was working on and heard the concerns of the elected officials who were present.

Closing Special Olympics World Games

The 2015 Special Olympics World Games came to a close on Sunday, August 2, 2015. Many Los Angeles area businesses, organizations and communities worked in collaboration to help organize and support this global celebration that featured 6,500 athletes from 165 countries. Numerous supporters played an essential role in the success of the 2015 World Games and I am proud that Metro was recognized as the "Official Transit Provider" of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games.

Again, I would like to share my appreciation for all Metro staff who worked to provide a safe and reliable transportation system that moved our patrons inclusive of athletes and their families, volunteers and spectators during the nine days of challenging and inspiring international competition. Your commitment to providing excellence in service and support does not go unnoticed and I am confident that Metro's contributions to the Los Angeles region will continue to draw future transit riders.

Lunch Meeting with Metro Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas and Faith Leaders

Last week, I joined Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas, Metro Executives and faith leaders from the Crenshaw/LAX Line corridor for a very productive lunch meeting. We had a chance to discuss key issues relevant to their congregations and the Crenshaw/LAX Line Project (C/LAX), and to stir up creative ideas to further connect Metro and the

community that the C/LAX Line will serve. It is important to get the community involved in any potential economic development associated with this project and I look forward to further discussing these opportunities with all C/LAX Line stakeholders.

CicLAvia “Culver City Meets Venice”

This Sunday, CicLAvia returns to the Westside for the “Culver City Meets Venice” car-free route. The route will be a 6-mile variation of the previous CicLAvia Westside route, allowing participants to explore more of Culver City’s charming neighborhoods, businesses and delicious restaurants, as well as connect with the Mar Vista Farmers Market, Abbot Kinney and Venice Beach. Also, Bicycle Transit Systems along with their partners B-Cycle will host bikeshare kiosk demonstrations for Los Angeles County’s new Bikeshare Pilot Program coming to downtown Los Angeles next year. Although a fare structure for this program is still in the works, demonstrations will show how the kiosk’s function and how commuters can use their TAP card to check out a bike. The Culver City Meets Venice route is made possible with an Open Streets grant from Metro.

Water Shutoff for Scheduled Maintenance in the Gateway Headquarters Facility

Next week, Friday, August 14, 2015 at 8:00 p.m., the water will be turned off in the Gateway Headquarters Facility. This includes the Headquarters Building, the East Portal and the Bus Plaza. Water pressure will be restored beginning at 5:00 a.m. Saturday, August 15, 2015 with everything slated to be fully functional by 10:00 a.m.

Repairs and testing will be performed on the main backflow prevention device for the building. During repair, a bypass valve will be installed for temporary use to avoid future shutdowns. At the same time, in order to minimize downtime and inconvenience, new isolation valves will be installed in a select few locations near pressure reducing valves in the building.

Safety is always Metro’s #1 priority therefore Fire sprinkler systems will not be affected. However, during the outage, toilets will not flush and water will not be available for hand washing, cleaning or drinking. Building occupants may use the temporary toilet facilities located on the Bus Plaza which will be maintained regularly by Metro custodians. Hand washing stations are also located on the plaza adjacent to the toilets.

Procurement Postings

Fence Repair and Installation Services for Metro Rail Right-of-Ways, Facilities and Parcel Properties (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure fence repair and installation services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, August 11, 2015 through Thursday, January 28, 2016.

Metro is seeking a qualified firm to provide masonry walls, wrought iron, steel picket, welded wire mesh, and chain link fence installation, maintenance, and repair services for all Metro owned rail Right-of-Ways (ROWs), facilities and parcel properties.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tom Meng, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1074.

CNG Consulting Services (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Consulting Services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, August 12, 2015 through Monday, September 14, 2015.

The selected contractor will provide engineering and technical support for CNG Compressor Station issues such as safety, determination of best available technology, industry standards & trends, system operation problems, regulatory and code issues, or assessments for Metro's Bus Divisions and facilities.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Kenneth Takahashi, Contract Administration Manager at (213) 922-1047.

Construction Notices – Green Line, I-5, I-10

Metro Green Line: Bus Shuttles between Aviation/LAX and Vermont/Athens

- On Friday August 7, 2015 at 9:00 p.m. through Saturday, August 8, 2015, close of service.
- Bus shuttles replace Green Line between Aviation/LAX and Vermont/Athens due to station refurbishment.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All construction updates

Caltrans Interstate 10: Beginning the evening of July 6, 2015, Caltrans closed a half mile section of the I-10 ExpressLanes in both the east and west directions between Peck Road and Valley Boulevard for a period of six weeks to implement safety enhancements. The closure will be 24 hours a day for the ExpressLanes section and as needed on the General Purpose lanes. Drivers in the ExpressLanes will have to merge out of the ExpressLanes into the General Purpose lanes prior to the construction zone. This is anticipated to increase traffic congestion in the area.

“Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower.”
~Steve Jobs



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