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Ideas in Action

With the Vision booklet I shared agency-wide, I asked how you will exemplify our vision to provide excellence in service and support. Here are some of your ideas:

“Your (our) new vision is clear, simple and powerful and the art is vibrant! I suggest you have ‘Excellence in Service and Support’ note cards made (using the same themed art) for employee purchase (a new revenue source to offset the costs associated with creating and communicating the new vision).”

“To improve coordination among Metro internal departments to minimize disconnect and unnecessary delays.”

“Create projects related to Public Private Partnership to improve Metro visibility in community.”

“We should contact all military posts in Southern California and set up where they receive a copy of our Employment Opportunities every week.”

“I will support this vision by sharing bus and rail safety with my fellow commuters.”

“My goal is to help communicate our vision strategically/holistically and maintain a sense of urgency in all that I do.”

“Reduce the green area inside the NoHo Red Line Station, the U-turn is tight for 45 footers.”

“The Universal Station bus bay #5 should be improved to make it easier to drop-off from the back door. As it is now, it is not possible to get back door within 18 inches from the curb.”

“Look into other Countries’ mass transit and partner with them to provide a global sharing of technology and services.”

2016 WTS Los Angeles Employer of the Year Award

I am proud to announce that LA Metro has been selected as 2016 Employer of the Year by WTS Los Angeles. WTS Los Angeles is the largest chapter of WTS (formerly Women’s Transportation Seminar), a 5,000 strong international organization dedicated to the advancement of women in transportation. Our agency’s commitment to excellence, outstanding record of diversity in hiring and promotion at all levels, our support of continuing education and professional development for employees, our commitment to energy conservation and sustainability, our internship program, and our support of WTS, all contributed to this outstanding honor. The award will be presented at WTS’ Annual Scholarship & Awards Dinner on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

Press Conference – California Lawmakers Call for Increased Investment in Public Transit

This morning, California Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian, California Assembly Member Richard Bloom and California Senator Ben Allen held a press conference calling for increased investment in public transit as part of Governor Brown's Special Session on Transportation Infrastructure. The press conference was held at the Palms Station, where the Expo Phase II will be running next year, to demonstrate that without funding for infrastructure investment, projects and the quality of life benefits that come with them cannot be realized. Metro will continue to work closely with our partners to ensure that adequate funding is secured to continue on our path towards being the best transit agency in the world. For a photo and full story of this morning's event as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).

Meet the Buyers at Metro Gateway Building

Yesterday, I joined Los Angeles City Councilmember and Metro Board Member Paul Krekorian in welcoming the small business community to our Meet the Buyers event. Over 300 small businesses who wish to work with Metro gathered in the Board Room to meet Metro executives, project managers, buyers and contract administrators as well as network amongst one another. Metro was pleased to present our MetroConnect road map and toolkit for working with Metro from certification through award, as well as give evidence of our commitment to providing opportunities for small and historically under-utilized businesses to work with Metro and the prime contractors. We shared that in the past fiscal year with the SB Prime program, the number of Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) that won set-aside contracts reached 192 businesses (totaling \$9.6 million), and tripled the number of contract awards to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. Additionally, we restated our commitment to not taking no for an answer when it comes to meeting our goals, streamlining our processes, remaining accountable, and building a culture of mutual respect, and of equality. By not taking no for an answer on these efforts, we are working towards a culture of "yes."

Metro Hosts Women's Transportation Seminar – Transportation Academy

On Monday, I was pleased to provide a welcome address to 20 college students interested in transportation visiting Metro. Metro hosted the 20 college students for a half-day program to provide them with information about the agency, our projects, programs and various career opportunities available in the field of transportation. The event was part of a program sponsored by the Orange County Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar.

Students from colleges around the region were given the opportunity to network with Metro employees and learn about key topics and career paths such as planning, engineering, construction, transit operations, and communications as well as receive a presentation about the Union Station Master Plan project and participate in a tour of Los Angeles Union Station.

The City of Compton Goes Metro to "Straight Outta Compton" Movie Premiere

Monday evening, a representative from Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas' Office, City of Compton City Manager Johnny Ford and approximately 100 City of Compton officials, employees, residents, family members, and friends boarded the Metro Blue Line at the Compton Station and rode to the Pico Station to attend the world premiere of "Straight Outta Compton" at the Microsoft Theater. Metro staff and the Sheriff's Department were present beforehand to assist the group along with KNBC News. The feedback upon arrival was very positive and I am glad Metro was able to provide this transportation option. I would like to thank the various Metro departments, including Community Relations, Rail Operations, TAP Operations, Security and Media Relations that worked to ensure that this ride was safe, convenient and enjoyable for our guests. For

photos and additional information about this event as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).

The Future of L.A. Transit with Zocalo Public Square

Next week, I will join moderator Conan Nolan of NBC4 TV in a special one-hour Zocalo Public Square Forum as we look forward and examine the future of L.A. Transit. Zocalo has invited me to come out to the Plaza on Olvera Street to share my thoughts on the future of transit throughout the Los Angeles region, what I think transit priorities should be and what I envision for Los Angeles County transit five, ten, and 25 years from now. This should be a very interesting discussion and I look forward to sharing my thoughts and ideas with the public. The forum will take place Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at The Plaza at Olvera Street. For more information and to register for this forum, please click [here](#).

Procurement Postings

Metro ExpressLanes: Consultant Services for the Development of Solicitation Packages (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services for the development of two future tolling solicitation packages. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, August 20, 2015 through Monday, January 11, 2016.

The current contract for the operation and maintenance of the ExpressLanes project for the I-10 and I-110 is set to expire in February 2019. This RFP seeks a tolling contractor to assist Metro in the development of new solicitation packages to continue lane and roadside assistance and back-office customer support.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by David Chia, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1064.

Permit Parking Management Program (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Permit Parking Management Program (Program). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, August 12, 2015 through Friday, November 27, 2015.

Metro provides parking facilities throughout Los Angeles County to service its rail and bus operations. Metro's current parking inventory consists of over 22,000 parking spaces in a variety of configurations including structure and surface lot facilities adjacent to Metro transit facilities. Metro operates parking facilities at 48 of its 107 stations, 15 offering paid preferred parking permits. Metro is pursuing the services of a qualified vendor to manage Metro's Program. The vendor will sell and issue monthly and daily Metro parking permits through various outlets.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Jesse Zepeda, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-4156.

Metro Video Bench (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a bench of commercial videographers to produce short videos as needed. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, August 18, 2015 through Friday, October 30, 2015.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Communications Department seeks a pool of qualified and experienced video production firms to produce short videos on a project assignment basis for use on the agency's website, social media channels, community presentations

and other customer and stakeholder interactions. The selected firms will work closely with the Communications Department in all aspects of production including scripting, casting, location scouting, production logistics, permitting, shooting, voiceovers, music and final editing.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Linda Rickert at (213) 922-4186.

Construction Notices – Blue Line, Green Line, Expo Line, I-5

Metro Blue Line: Between Del Amo and Artesia Stations -- Station Closures for Maintenance This Weekend

- As part of the Blue Line refurbishment project train service will be replaced by bus shuttles between Del Amo and Artesia

Stations to perform a turnout replacement at the Artesia interlocking.

- Metro is providing bus shuttle buses that will stop for pickups and drop offs at the Del Amo and Artesia Stations.

- The stations will be closed from 9:00 p.m. Friday, August 14, 2015 to 5:00 a.m. Monday, August 17, 2015.

- There are future turnouts which will also require weekend closures over the next year or so.

Metro Green Line: Trains every 15 minutes – Due to Routine Maintenance

- Green Line trains will run every 15 minutes from open to close of service on both Saturday, August 15, and Sunday, August 16, 2015.

- Green Line trains will be single tracking for routine maintenance.

Expo Phase II: Between La Cienega/Jefferson and Culver City Stations – Signal Systems Maintenance

- As part of construction activities for the Expo Line Phase II, crews will perform cutover testing.

- Beginning Friday, August 14, 2015 at 9:00 p.m. through Sunday August 16, 2015 close of service, bus shuttles will replace

Expo Line service between La Cienega/Jefferson and Culver City Stations.

- This is the first weekend of three required to complete the work at this location.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All construction updates

“A mind that is stretched to a new idea never returns to its original dimension.”

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.



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