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On Tuesday, I joined U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Acting Administrator Therese McMillan, Metro Board Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas, and Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker for the announcement of \$9.5 million in grants to 19 projects in 13 states selected to help train a new generation of skilled workers and support long-term careers in the public transportation industry. The announcement was made at the Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC), and the grants are provided through the FTA's Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development program.

Two organizations in Los Angeles were selected in this latest round of FTA workforce development grants: LATTC will receive funding to establish the Institute for Advanced Transportation Technology Training – the first program of its kind in a community college in the country; and the Community College District will receive funding for its Moving Employees into Transit Related Opportunities (Metro) program, which will partner with organizations like LA Valley College to recruit and train low-income individuals, women, veterans, minorities, and others from communities throughout Metropolitan Los Angeles.

I have routinely commented that if we received all of the funding we need to build Los Angeles' critical infrastructure projects, our industry may not be "people ready" to deliver, meaning we may not have the people with the skills necessary to do the job. This is why workforce development is so critical. We must be people ready now and for the future, and we must do so by investing in our employees.

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On Wednesday, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Acting Administrator Therese McMillan, Leslie Rodgers FTA Region 9 Administrator, FTA Region 9 Director of Planning and Program Development Ray Sukys and FTA LA Metro Office Team Leader Ray Tellis joined Deputy Chief Executive Officer Stephanie Wiggins, Metro Countywide Planning, Program Management and Government Relations staff and staff from Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) for a project briefing and tour of the Airport Metro Connector (AMC)-96th Street Station and LAWA's Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP). The briefing was held at LAX and Deborah Flint, LAWA's new Executive Director welcomed the group to LAX and provided an overview of the LAMP program. After the briefing, the group toured the AMC 96th Street station site, LAWA's planned Automated People Mover route, the Consolidated Rental Car Facility and Intermodal Transportation Facilities locations. The group was also provided a

private tour of the new Tom Bradley International Terminal Building which provided inspiration and ideas for the AMC Station. Metro Operations provided the bus for the tour driven by Transit Operations Supervisor Erik Corona. For a photo from the tour, please click [here](#).

A Busy Week for Eat, Shop, Play Crenshaw

On Tuesday, over 50 participants attended Metro's #espCrenshaw Lunch Meet Up event in support of a local restaurant near the construction site of the future Leimert Park Station at Crenshaw/Vernon. Crews from Walsh Shea Corridor Construction showed up in large numbers to help support Happy's Pizza, showing strong partnership between Metro, the private sector and the community.

On Thursday, Metro helped kickoff the 2nd annual Leimert Park Village Film Festival with an opening night announcement that attendees of the 16 plays this weekend may enter to win the #espCrenshaw Quarterly Drawing. In October, three lucky winners will win \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 for supporting local businesses and events in Crenshaw and Inglewood during construction. For a list of participating businesses, please visit www.metro.net/eatshopplay. Note: Metro employees not eligible for prizes.

This coming Saturday, Metro will host two impacted businesses with booth space at the P.O.W.E.R Community Fair, presented by West Angeles Community Development Corporation (CDC). Over 600 attendees are expected to attend this free event to gather information about community resources and to enjoy all-day entertainment, including live music and a Kids' Corner. The value of the booth space for businesses is \$350 each. I'd like to thank West Angeles CDC for helping Metro support #espCrenshaw businesses.

Metro Serves and Supports FYF Fest Concertgoers

Last Saturday and Sunday, Metro partnered with Goldenvoice to build ridership by promoting the use of public transportation with increased and extended transit service for concert goers to get to and from FYF Fest at Los Angeles Exposition Park and Sports Arena. This was an opportunity to provide excellence in service and support to thousands of Angelenos, visitors and first time riders, and to help people connect with an iconic Los Angeles event now in its 12th year.

An essential element of our jobs is to attract riders to our system, and this weekend we did just that. Initial TAP data and social media tell a powerful story with over 27% of concert goers using the Expo Line and many of those riders taking to social media to post a positive review of our service. Wait times to enter stations and board trains were reduced this year as part of the additional resources deployed to accommodate the thousands of additional passengers. I'd like to acknowledge Operations for their reliability and flexibility in providing safe, high quality, and high quantity service. I'd also like to acknowledge Communications, Revenue/TAP, law enforcement, and other coordinating departments for their part in helping to make the customer experience convenient and easy.

For photos and a write up, including a time lapse video and an array of social media re-posts on The Source, please click [here](#).

Active Transportation Strategic Plan Workshops

Metro is developing an Active Transportation Strategic Plan (Plan) to identify needs, resources, and strategies to improve and increase walking, bicycling and transit use in Los Angeles County. It will serve as our agency's overall strategy for funding and supporting active transportation facilities and programs and will build on the local and sub-regional planning efforts happening across the County.

This month, Metro hosted seven open house workshops throughout the County to gather input on

improving first and last mile access to transit, improvements to the regional network of walking and bicycling facilities, and opportunities for supporting local and regional partners to get these projects and programs implemented. Over 250 stakeholders attended in total, including local government representatives, elected officials and their representatives, nonprofit organizations, community groups, advocates, Caltrans, private firms, transit operators, transit riders, public health representatives and other stakeholders. Two more rounds of workshops are planned during key milestones of the project to get stakeholder feedback in Fall/Winter 2015 and Spring 2016, and the Plan is expected to be presented to the Board in Summer 2016. For information regarding the Plan, please visit www.metro.net/walkbikeroll. For photos of the workshop, [click here](#).

Procurement Postings

Coach Operator Safety Barriers (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Coach Operator Safety Barriers. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, August 25, 2015 through Saturday, October 31, 2015.

This procurement is for the purchase of Coach Operator Safety Barrier Partitions for Metro's bus fleet.

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

Incident Based Surveillance System (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure an Incident Based Surveillance System. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 24, 2015 through Sunday, January 31, 2016.

The overall mission of Metro's bus and rail system is to ensure Los Angeles transit riders a safe, efficient mode of transportation throughout the greater Los Angeles region. Over the years, significant effort and progress has been made to reduce accidents through the initiation of an aggressive bus/rail operator retraining policy and program. Nonetheless, Metro has a continuing initiative to reduce accidents and provide innovative bus/rail operator training techniques and processes to its employees, as well as improving the resources required for accident investigation.

The Incident Based Surveillance System (IBSS) will provide a valuable management tool for training and accident investigation. It will provide the ability to review and analyze near misses for operator training purposes and improve the ability to document what took place during an accident. The most beneficial part of the IBSS will be the ability to identify operator driving techniques that may require retraining to improve training quality by showing operators real-event data so that they can anticipate and avoid accident triggering events in the future.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tamara Reid, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7215.

Construction Notices – Crenshaw/LAX Line, Expo Line, Green Line, I-5

Crenshaw/LAX Line: Full Street Closure on Crenshaw Boulevard

- Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC) will begin installing steel beams and relocating utilities
- Full Street closure on Crenshaw Boulevard between 48th Street and 43rd Street as well as on Vernon Avenue between

Crenshaw Boulevard and Leimert Avenue

- These full street closures will be in effect for five consecutive weekends beginning Friday, August 28, 2015
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Expo Line: August 29 and 30, 2015: [Bus Shuttles Service La Cienega/Jefferson to Culver City Station](#)

- Due to crews performing signals system work

Green Line: August 29 and 30, 2015. [Bus Shuttles Servicing Aviation/LAX](#)

- Due to station refurbishment Aviation/LAX station will be closed
- Bus shuttles will run from Hawthorne/Lennox and Mariposa stations to Aviation/LAX station

Caltrans Interstate 5: [All Construction Updates](#)

“Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.”
~Vince Lombardi



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