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Metro Provides an Update on the Long Range Transportation Plan to the Citizen Advisory Committee

Wednesday evening, November 18, 2015, Metro’s Chief Communications Officer Pauletta Tonilas, provided an overview to Metro’s Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) on the investment Los Angeles is making in our infrastructure and an update on the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The group had a lively discussion. Ms. Tonilas explained that the five “themes” we are using to evaluate projects were developed based on best practices in the industry, she provided an overview of the LRTP education program and invited the CAC to participate with Metro in that program.

The CAC is a state-mandated Metro Committee that provides input to the Metro Board of Directors ahead of formal Board decision making. We are grateful for the CAC Members’ long standing interest and engagement on Metro matters. I look forward to continuing to work closely with the CAC and all our stakeholders in the ongoing bottoms up LRTP process.

Advancing Latinos, Championing Diversity

On Tuesday, November 17, 2015, Advancing Latinos at Metro Association (ALMA), a new organization dedicated to support, foster and develop the growth of Latino employees at Metro, held their inaugural event. I was pleased to join Los Angeles City Councilmember Gil Cedillo, ALMA’s guest speaker, to address a standing room only crowd, and to show my support of this organization and any endeavor which supports the growth of diversity at Metro. Nature requires diversity. Metro requires diversity, and I would like to thank those who came out as well as the governing body of ALMA for creating and leading this culture building and employee supporting organization. ALMA’s Board and founding members consists of President, Diane Corral-Lopez; Vice-President, Dr. Irma L. Licea; Treasurer, Miguel Cabral; Secretary, Lilian de Loza-Gutierrez; Association Liaison, Patricia Soto; and Committee Liaison, Victor Ramirez. Congratulations on a great first event!

Women Show Up, Step Up, and Build Metro Los Angeles

On Tuesday, November 17, 2015, Metro spearheaded a team of leaders and other stakeholders from the trades, construction prime contractors, career support services and training programs to address

an event titled “Women Build Metro LA 2015.” The purpose of the event was to introduce and recruit women to the myriad opportunities in the construction industry. After the opening ceremony, the assembly broke out into three panels, which were tailored to attendee interest, whether brand new to construction, interested in moving up in the trades or seeking to enter the executive ranks of women who work in the industry. Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins joined Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles/ Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, Ron Miller, President of Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Larry Frank, and special guest, Elmy Bermejo, representing the U.S. Secretary of Labor, as invited speakers.

In support of Metro’s major construction program and Metro’s Construction Careers Policy, the message of the day was that women can be successful in the world of construction and that there are programs and other support available to them. A robust Resource Fair featured apprenticeship coordinators, the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS), jobs coordinators, prime contractors, public agencies, and other partners. The efforts to recruit women and the Committee formed to put on this event are planning a series of similar outreach efforts around Los Angeles County in the future. The extensive coverage of the event by the Telemundo Network, Channel 52 and Channel 34 assures that Metro’s message to women is communicated widely.

Special thanks to Women in Non-Traditional Employment Roles (WINTER) and the other partners who made this event a success. I would like to extend my thanks and congratulations to Miriam Long, Marisela Villar and Miguel Cabral of the Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) who coordinated the event on behalf of Metro. Pictures from the event can be viewed by clicking [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

Metro Joins Coalition for Transportation Technology

Also on Tuesday, Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Second Vice Chair Eric Garcetti organized a news conference to discuss the formation of the Coalition for Transportation Technology. Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins joined this news conference to help announce that the coalition consisting of the City of Los Angeles, Metro, Caltrans and others is being created to help ensure that the Los Angeles region benefits from advancements in transportation technology, including connected and autonomous vehicles. The coalition will focus on improving mobility and safety by using Intelligent Transportation Systems to increase the efficiency of the roadway network. Metro’s Highway Program will guide the coalition to discuss opportunities for research, policy, planning and related efforts. I would like to thank Mayor Garcetti for his leadership on this coalition as we continue this path towards exploring all options, innovative tools and latest technologies to advance our mission of creating a balanced transportation system.

North Hollywood Sustainable Parking Demonstration Project

On Monday, November 16, 2015, the sustainable demonstration parking facility at the North Hollywood Red Line/Orange Line Station opened for operation. The parking facility is located east of the station along Chandler Boulevard, between Fair Avenue and Vineland Avenue. The project includes 194 parking spaces and a multi-use trail. The trail includes a new bike path that connects the Chandler Bikeway to the Orange Line Bikeway, encouraging the continuation of multi-modal trips for bicycle commuters traveling east-west across the Valley and increasing pedestrian and bicycle connections to the Red and Orange Line Stations. The facility’s sustainable features include: 100% permeable material, multi-use trail, LED lighting, and a water-smart irrigation system. In 2016, Metro will install 100% solar powered EV-chargers and a parking guidance system at the facility. For photos of the demonstration, please click [here](#) and [here](#).

Mujer Haciendo La Diferencia – Olga Mireya Lopez Makes a Difference

On Saturday, November 14, 2015, Olga Mireya Lopez, a Senior Diversity and Economic Opportunity representative at Metro, was honored as *Mujer Haciendo la Diferencia* (Woman Making a Difference) at the Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Regional Hispanic Institute's *Mujeres Del Año* Awards Gala. Olga was celebrated because she serves as a conduit for information and opportunities that Metro has for small businesses. Ms. Lopez spoke of her struggles as an immigrant woman and encouraged everyone to grab the hand being offered in fellowship and share in the American Dream. Metro can help make that dream a reality. By highlighting her professionalism, the award speaks to the excellence in service and support that she has provided to Metro for 12 years. Ms. Lopez came to DEOD after managing the Construction Relations team on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project.

Metro's Brand Shines at DesignThinkers Conference

Last week, Metro was represented in Toronto by our Creative Director, Michael Lejeune, at DesignThinkers, Canada's largest conference for visual communicators. Mr. Lejeune presented the importance of Metro's multi-award winning brand and voice design in making our customers and stakeholders aware of the services we offer, creating recognizable and attractive touch points, and even the role branding played in educating the public about Measure R in 2008, a potential ballot measure in 2016, and all that Metro currently funds, plans, builds and operates.

That a public transportation agency was represented at this design conference is evidence of the pioneering work we are doing, and the diversity of disciplines that come together under the Metro logo to provide Los Angeles County with a balanced transportation system. As we seek to become the best in the world, our brand serves as the recognizable symbol of our vision and commitment. It consistently interacts with customers at all touch points across modes and across the county. When we say we want employees to have a genuine and elevated sense of pride in themselves and what they do, we are also talking about pride in our brand.

What do we want people to think when they see the Metro brand?

Metro Provides Excellence in Service and Support

It is not only important that we search the world for the best ideas and implement them here; it is also important for Metro to share what we do with our industry and beyond -- to gain support, attract talent, but also to share best practices so others can benefit from our successes. Our brand tells the story that makes this possible, and so it is fitting that our brand ambassador was able to bring lessons from a public agency in the media capital of the world to this conference as Metro makes Los Angeles the transportation capital of the United States.

Eat, Shop, Play Local for the Holidays

Still looking for a good venue to host your department or organization's holiday party? Well, look no further. Little Tokyo and DTLA offer great local options that are easily accessible by Metro rail and bus, or DASH buses. You can party with a purpose this year by supporting businesses impacted by construction of the Regional Connector Transit Project. For a list of participating *Eat, Shop, Play LittleTokyo* and *DTLA* restaurants, please click [here](#). "Support Local Businesses!"

Procurement Postings

Audit Recovery Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Audit Recovery Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, November 24, 2015 through Friday, January 29, 2016.

Metro's Accounts Payable Section is responsible for issuing checks to suppliers and Metro employees in payments for goods, services, taxes, utilities, subsidies and other business expenses. Currently, there are approximately 42,000 suppliers in the data base. Metro receives approximately 5,600 invoices for payment each month, and issues approximately 3,000 payments per month in the amount of approximately \$194,000,000. The audit recovery service will review accounts payable disbursements to identify and recover duplicate payments, invoice overpayment errors, open credits claims and any other erroneous payments that may have been made.

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.

Photovoltaic Repairs at Metro Divisions 8, 15 and 18 (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure qualified firms to repair and upgrade Photovoltaic Energy (PV) Systems at Metro Divisions 8, 15 and 18. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, December 03, 2015 through Wednesday, February, 17, 2016.

Metro is seeking qualified firms to submit bids to repair and upgrade Photovoltaic (PV) systems at Metro Bus Divisions 8, 15 and 18. This procurement is necessary to ensure that all three of Metro's PV Systems at each location are upgraded to meet Metro's performance specifications. The specific repair scope differs at each site as outlined in the IFB's Statement of Work.

The upgrade to the PV systems shall also include, replacing the existing Data Acquisition System with a new system that meets the performance specification at each site. System description and equipment specifications are to be prepared by the bidders to be reviewed and approved by Metro prior to purchase and installation. Training of Metro personnel shall be provided as described.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to, and may only be answered by, Daniel A. Robb - Designated Consultant, Contracts at (213) 922-1304.

Fire Detection System Monitoring Station (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a qualified firm to provide Rail Fire Detection System Monitoring Stations. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, November 24, 2015 through Thursday, December 31, 2015.

The work to be performed by the contractor is to provide Central Supervisory Workstations for Rail Fire Detection as, a Firm-Fixed-Price contract in accordance with the Metro's scope of work and specifications. The contractor shall be responsible for the procurement, installation, test plan and procedures, programming, commissioning, training and Certification of Metro personnel for the operation, maintenance and future expansion to the system.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by James A. Nolan, Sr. Contracts Administrator at (213) 922-7312.

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Metro Green Line: [Bus Shuttles Replace Rail Service](#) – Between Harbor Fwy and Lakewood BI Stations

- As part of signaling system improvements on the Green Line, train service will be replaced by bus shuttles between Harbor Fwy and Lakewood BI Stations.
- Metro is providing bus shuttle service that will stop for pickups and drop offs at all stations between Harbor Fwy and Lakewood BI Stations.
- The stations will be closed from 9:00 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2015 to close of service Sunday, November 22, 2015.

Regional Connector Transit Project: [Bus Shuttles Replace Gold Line Rail Service](#) – Between Union Station and Pico/Aliso Station

- Track relocation work will be taking place in the Little Tokyo area as tunneling work begins.
- Stations will close and bus shuttle service will begin Friday, November 20, 2015 at 9:00 p.m. through close of service Sunday, November 22, 2015.
- Metro staff and station signage will be on hand to help customers navigate through the interruption.
- Vehicle traffic will also be impacted by closures; for full details, please click [here](#).

Caltrans Interstate 5: [All construction updates](#)

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~Neil Postman*



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