

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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## **Thankful for the Opportunity to Serve**

This November marks my sixth month of service to Metro. At this time of reflection and thankfulness, I would like to reiterate what I said on day one: I consider it an honor to serve every employee, the Metro Board of Directors, contract employees, and the public at large. I want to thank you all for dedicating your efforts towards the Metro vision and overall providing excellence in service and support. We are very fortunate to be a part of this agency as we approach some of the most groundbreaking and historic years in transportation throughout the Los Angeles region. Please accept my gratitude for all of your hard work and accept my warm wishes to you, and your family and friends this Thanksgiving Holiday.

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## **Metro Receives Americans with Disabilities Legacy Award**

On Saturday, November 21, 2015, the Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California held their Second Annual Gala where they honored Metro with the Americans with Disabilities Legacy Award in recognition of Metro's contribution to improving the mobility of persons with disabilities. Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins accepted the award on behalf of Metro. The attendees at the Gala were also given a sneak preview of a new video produced by the Accessibility Group of the Metro Civil Rights Compliance Department. The video, *A Day in the Life of a Metro Customer*, highlights the many accessibility services and features available on the Metro system for passengers with disabilities. The video is one of three produced by the Accessibility Group and will be available for general viewing before the end of the year.

That same evening, the advances made by Metro in providing transportation for individuals with disabilities were recognized with a Certificate of Commendation from Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Michael Antonovich, a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Los Angeles, signed by LA City Councilmember David Ryu, and a Certificate of Recognition from Treasurer of the State of California, John Chiang. Supervisor Antonovich will formally present the Certificate of Commendation at the Metro Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2015.

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## **Construction Relations Team Participates in Churches United Holiday Meal Event**

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Also on Saturday, November 21, members of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Construction Relations team were in Inglewood to participate in the Annual Churches United: "Kingdom Initiative," a free holiday meal event for disadvantaged community members. Amongst the host churches of the event was the organizing church Maranantha Community Church; and among the several community groups and agencies who served as co-sponsors were Metro and Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project contractor, Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors. The event featured live entertainment, a resource fair for those seeking housing and employment, face painting for children, a clothing drive, an information table on Metro's EAT SHOP PLAY campaign and the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project and of course, a warm turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. Several hundred members of the community were in attendance at the event which occurred from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. I want thank the Construction Relations team for providing excellence in service and support in all capacities to the communities we serve.

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### **Metro has Talent: Diego Cardoso Partners with Winning Filmmaker for 2015 Urbanism Filmmaking Challenge**

Last month, Metro Executive Officer in Countywide Planning Diego Cardoso, who directs the Active Transportation, Countywide Sustainability and Shared Mobility Departments, was selected to participate as a subject of the 2015 Urbanism Filmmaking Challenge. Filmmaker Travis Knight produced a short video about Mr. Cardoso and urban art: Mr. Cardoso is a very active artist and photographer and currently works and displays his art work at his studio/gallery in Santee Village Courtyard in Downtown Los Angeles. The video won first place and premiered at the New Urbanism Film Festival. To view the award winning video, please click [here](#).

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### **Start Thanksgiving with Turkey Trot Los Angeles**

Tomorrow, Thursday, November 26, 2015, start your Thanksgiving day off healthy and productive. Burn some calories and earn your Thanksgiving dinner by participating in the Turkey Trot Los Angeles taking place in Downtown Los Angeles. Whether you are a competitive runner or would just like to enjoy a Thanksgiving walk with the family, this event is a fun way to enjoy the historic sights and streets of downtown with various distances to choose from. For more information on this event including how to get a 10% TAP discount as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).

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### **Kick-Off the Holiday Season with a Tree Lighting and Boys Chorus at Union Station**

This coming Monday, November 30, 2015, head down to Union Station for a tree lighting ceremony followed by a choir performance by the All-American Boys Chorus. The Southern California Fire Fighters' "Spark of Love Toy Drive" will also be participating in the festivities taking place on the west side of Union Station in the Old Ticketing Hall. The tree lighting ceremony will begin at 5:45 p.m. and the All-American Chorus will follow at 6:30 p.m.

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## Procurement Postings

### Elevator/Escalator Maintenance (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Elevator/Escalator Maintenance services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, November 25, 2015 through Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Metro provides public transit services to Los Angeles County through its Metro transit system. This transit system includes facilities on the Blue Line (MBL), Green Line (MGL), Gold Line (PGL), Red Line (MRL), Metro Purple Line (MPL), Orange Line (MOL), Exposition Line Phase I (Expo), Harbor Transit Way (HTW), Bus and Rail Maintenance Yards, and other operational properties and facilities.

Metro is seeking a qualified firm to provide comprehensive preventative maintenance, servicing, repairs, cleaning, inspections and tests for the elevators, escalators and their associated systems and equipment for MBL, MGL, MRL, PGL, Expo, HTW, Bus and Rail Facilities, Terminals and Locations.

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.

### Metro Rail Gas Detection System Replacement (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a replacement Metro Rail Gas Detection System. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, November 30, 2015 through Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Metro Light rail and heavy rail transit services in Los Angeles County have underground stations with a Gas Detection System with devices spread throughout the stations and the cross passages.

The contractor will replace and upgrade the existing gas sensors with cost saving features. The new sensors will interface with the existing SCADA system.

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

### Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor Project – Segment A (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure architectural and engineering (A&E) services for the environmental review and clearance, design, and related services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, December 4, 2015 through Monday, April 11, 2016.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified team to conduct the environmental review and clearance under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), 30% Design Drawings (100% Design Development), Specifications, Preliminary Safety Plan, Preliminary Operations and Maintenance Plan, Project Cost Estimates and coordination with the outreach contractor (selected under a separate scope and contract) to provide technical support for the 6.4 mile section (Segment A) of Metro owned Harbor Subdivision rail right-of-way (ROW) in South Los Angeles.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ben Calmes, Principal Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7341.

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## Construction Notices – Regional Connector, I-5

Regional Connector Transit Project: [Little Tokyo/Arts District Station Reopens](#) – Modified South Entrance

- This past weekend, track relocation and tunneling work began in the Little Tokyo area
- The Little Tokyo/Arts District station will be open through next week with a modified south entrance
- The Little Tokyo/Arts District Gold Line Station will experience a 3-month closure beginning Friday, December 4, 2015.

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

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*“Silent gratitude isn’t very much to anyone.”*

*~Gertrude Stein*

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