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Discussing Diversity and Opportunity with the Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce

I spent this morning discussing diversity with the Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce as part of their “Distinguished Speakers Series.” During the conversation, I not only outlined how essential diversity of thought and experience is to ensuring quality in the work we do, but I detailed some of the programs and opportunities that demonstrate our commitment to diversity specifically. While diversity, collaboration and inclusion are vital to *everything* that we do, targeted efforts such as our small business, historically underutilized business and veteran outreach and programming; project labor agreement and construction careers policy; clubs, associations and affiliations, civil rights and accessibility programs, all speak to our commitment to have collaborative development and ownership of our outcomes and our system as a whole.

Metro Updates Hollywood Chamber of Commerce on Plan to Ease Traffic

On Wednesday, I visited the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to demonstrate Metro’s plan to ease traffic. This was an opportunity to give an update on the development of our potential ballot measure and to highlight the work that we are doing right now to provide mobility, economic opportunity, and excellence in service and support to Los Angeles County. I was motivated and inspired to meet in Hollywood, where the first hand evidence of transportation as a powerful economic development tool is so apparent and so deep.

Talking Transportation Innovation with the American Technion Society

On Tuesday, I addressed the Los Angeles chapter of the American Technion Society (ATS), a society dedicated to the support of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology and to improve the well-being of Israel and all humanity through leadership in science and technology. ATS invited me to be the first speaker in a series of lunchtime events, during which I was asked to provide an update on the exciting things going on within the transportation field in Los Angeles and the nation. After laying out my vision for Metro, explaining our capital program and how we are developing a potential ballot measure, I spoke about topics including the mega trends in transportation, finance, modal balance, the customer experience and fostering innovation.

Empowerment Matters: Building Stronger Communities

On Saturday, I joined event founder, LA County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas at the 24th Annual Empowerment Congress Summit. With the goals to educate, engage and empower, the “Empowerment Congress is a national model of civic engagement built on the core principles of participatory democracy, reciprocal accountability and intentional civility.” True to its mission and its roots as a vehicle for citizen leadership, the summit brings together people from all sectors and walks of life. This year, the theme of “Empowerment Matters: Building Stronger Communities” was especially resonant with me and relevant to Metro. Metro is building strong communities (and mobility in and between them) in many ways. Our Transit Oriented Communities demonstration project, which Jenna Hornstock, Deputy Executive Officer of Strategic Initiatives did a fantastic job of presenting for the group, is one of those ways. As a the pillar of his Chairmanship, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas has been a leader in ensuring that transportation is a vehicle of economic development for the betterment of the communities we serve. Thus, the vision guiding his Chairmanship complements the vision he set forth 24 years ago for the Empowerment Congress.

I was honored that Metro could play a role in making the summit successful, and we will continue to work towards these very values and goals to make our communities more successful too. Not coincidentally, one of the ways we will achieve this is by empowering our Metro community to take ownership of our system, improve our system, and plan, build and operate our system so that it is community oriented and supported. I appreciate the Chair upholding empowerment as a means for each of us to achieve something greater for the greater good.

Join the 2016 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

All across Los Angeles County there are homeless men, women, and children in need of support and vital services. Some of them can be found at our Metro facilities, especially during the winter season. Join the special Metro Team to count the evening of Thursday, January 28, 2016 and/or help other volunteers count homeless in your own community or area of your choice. This will be the first year Metro is teaming up with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to help participate in the count and hope to kick-off this partnership with strong Metro support. For more information on registering to volunteer, please click [here](#) or contact Jonathan Adame at adamej@metro.net.

Procurement Postings

Cargo Vans (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure new cargo vans. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, January 25, 2016 through Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

This procurement is for the purchase of five (5) new cargo vans to replace cargo vans that have exceeded their useful life.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Greg Baker, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7577.

Parking Guidance System (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services for a Parking Guidance System. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, January 26, 2016 through Monday, May 30, 2016.

Metro is seeking a professional services contractor for the installation and ongoing operating of a parking guidance system for Metro parking facilities. The contractor shall implement an innovative parking solution in order for patrons to minimize parking search and travel time while reducing congestion by providing real-time parking availability information through different media channels.

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.

Gasoline Powered Pneumatic Forklifts (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure new gasoline forklifts. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, January 25, 2016 through Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

This procurement is for the purchase of ten (10) new gasoline powered pneumatic forklifts to replace gasoline forklifts that have exceeded their useful life.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Greg Baker, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7577.

Floor Coating Systems at Division 3, 5, 7, 8, & 10 Maintenance Buildings (D/B/B) (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a contractor to install a complete floor coating system and its related work at Division 3, 5, 7, 8 & 10 Maintenance Buildings. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, January 22, 2016 through Tuesday, March 22, 2016.

This procurement is to repair the deteriorated floors at the maintenance buildings providing a bright and cleaner ground surface without cracks.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Noelle Valenzuela, ELT at (213) 922-3647.

One Ton Utility Trucks (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure new utility trucks. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, January 26, 2016 through Monday, April 4, 2016.

This procurement is for the purchase of sixteen (16) new one ton utility trucks for the replacement and expansion of vehicles in the current fleet to support rail operations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Greg Baker, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7577.

Project Approval and Environmental Document for the I-605/SR-60 Interchange Improvement Project
Metro has established an Architectural and Engineering qualifications based contracting opportunity to obtain professional services to prepare the Project Approval and Environmental Document for the I-605/SR-60 Interchange. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, January 28, 2016 through Tuesday, June 30, 2016.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Erika Estrada, Contract Administration Manager at (213) 922-1102.

Construction Notices – Blue Line, Expo Phase II, I-5

Metro Blue Line: Station Closures for Weatherizing Work – Between 7th St/Metro Center and Vernon Stations

- As part of work to allow crews to perform weatherizing work on the Blue Line along Washington Boulevard, train service will be replaced by bus shuttles between 7th St/Metro Center and Vernon Stations
- Metro is providing bus shuttle buses that will stop for pickups and drop offs at the closed stations
- The stations will be closed from 9:00 p.m. Friday, January 22, 2016 through close of service Sunday, January 24, 2016.

Expo Phase II: Frequent Train Testing – Between Palms and Santa Monica

- Beginning this past week, train testing and operator familiarization of the Expo Line to Santa Monica have been taking place more frequently
- This frequent testing and practice will continue up until the opening for passenger service
- Metro asks that you please obey all traffic signs and signals at all times and be alert
- Fire drills will also take place Sunday at Downtown Santa Monica Station.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All construction updates

“A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds”
~Francis Bacon



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