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Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce 128th Annual Inaugural Dinner

Yesterday evening, I joined Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, KeAndra Dodds, Board Deputy for Supervisor Hilda Solis, Metro Chief Communications Officer Paulette Tonillas and Los Angeles area business leaders and stakeholders for the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce's 128th Annual Inaugural Dinner. This dinner followed our Industry Forum which was a great way to continue some of the conversations I held with business leaders at the event. The dinner was emceed by Los Angeles City Council President Herb J. Wesson.

Metro Hosts the First Industry Forum: Transformation Through Transportation

Yesterday, I proudly joined Metro Chair and Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Metro Second Vice Chair and Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti, Metro Director and LA City Councilman Paul Krekorian, Metro Director Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Caltrans District 7 and Metro Director Carrie Bowen, along with other Board offices, Metro Executives, and a host of other transportation industry and infrastructure experts, executives, and stakeholders at the J.W. Marriot for our first ever Industry Forum, themed Transformation Through Transportation. As one of the largest and most ambitious transportation agencies in the nation, we must embrace opportunities to bring together the most forward-thinking and innovative minds from around the world - from all sectors - to help build partnerships and move ideas from the drawing board to implementation. As I have mentioned before, Metro will advance our goals and objectives using every tool in our toolbox, and in doing so we will shed long held conceptual constraints on how things are done. One of these tools was introduced yesterday, the Metro Unsolicited Proposals Policy, which is designed to help bring to the table original, innovative, and pragmatic ideas for transportation projects. We are constantly looking for ways to do things better, and this policy can help the private sector to be proactive in finding those ways.

I would like to thank the Metro staff, especially the Communications Department, who helped produce this successful event, and all attendees who joined us. For photos a story on the event on The Source, please click [here](#).

New Operator Assault Campaign to Debut

This week I invited Metro's Communications team to share with the Senior Leadership Team the creative messaging for a new campaign targeted at reducing Bus Operator assaults. The campaign features photographs of Metro bus operators and their children or grandchildren, and the accompanying messages are emotional, first-person pleas from these children to respect and protect our operators and their families. The sustained campaign will be featured on all Metro buses, as well as online and outdoor ads, at our bus divisions, and on metro.net and our social media channels. Protecting our operators is a top priority for Metro, and I believe this new campaign will poignantly highlight the very real damage that assaults on our team has for victims, families and our respectful and supportive customers.

Meeting with Community Coalition “No on 710”

Today I met with members of the “No on 710” coalition, a meeting which provided a great opportunity to listen to and understand their concerns. I appreciate this coalition taking their time to come and meet with me and the care with which they shared their perspective. Meetings like this are crucial in understanding the communities we serve.

Universal’s Wizarding World of Harry Potter: Meeting Transportation Needs and Building Strong Partnerships

On Wednesday, I took a team from Metro on the Red Line over to Universal City for a meeting with representatives from Universal Studios Hollywood to coordinate the delivery of consistent, huge crowds to their coming Harry Potter attraction, The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, which opens April 7, 2016. Metro will debut a Pedestrian Overpass at the Universal City station to provide safe and efficient access to the park. We are grateful to Universal Studios for being a collaborative partner, and look forward to delivering thousands of muggles to the Wizarding World.

Latest Round of Quarterly Service Provider Meetings

Earlier this week, Metro Service Planning and Community & Municipal Affairs departments completed the latest series of Transit Providers meetings in each subregion of the County. These quarterly meetings provide an important opportunity for Metro, municipal operators and other providers to share information and identify opportunities for collaboration and improved service in every area. More than 25 municipal operators and agencies received updates from Metro staff on the potential ballot measure and key projects, while the providers also shared information on developments in their areas. With both the Foothill Extension and Expo Phase II rail lines scheduled to open in the first half of 2016, one topic of discussion with our service partners was the anticipated challenges and opportunities as we integrate this expanded rail service into the greater transportation community. We are grateful to our municipal partners for taking the time to attend these meetings and thank those providers that hosted the meetings this quarter.

Ultra ‘Green’ Metro Division 13 Opens for Service

On Monday, I was pleased to join Metro Chair and Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Federal Transit Administration Team Lead Raymond Tellis, Metro First Vice Chair and City of Duarte Councilmember John Fasana, Metro Board Member and Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich, and Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-walker to inaugurate the ultra ‘green’ Metro Division 13 operations facility. After three years of construction, the brand new state of

the art bus maintenance and operations facility has opened and is prepared to begin serving Metro as a model of energy efficiency and design that sets an example for other transportation agencies around the world. Division 13 is the first ground-up bus maintenance and operations facility built at Metro since 1984. It features an extensive solar power array that can provide 10 percent of the building's electrical needs, a 275,000 gallon underground cistern and pump to collect and repurpose rain water for bus washing and other uses, and a rooftop garden to reduce the urban heat island effect.

This advanced facility is a concrete example of how innovative thought can go from the drawing board to implementation and Metro is committed to many more forward-thinking projects like this one. For a full story and to view photos of Monday's event as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).

Announcing the Community-Supported Street Closure Schedule for Purple Line Station Decking

After several months of extensive community outreach and over 50 town hall meetings between Metro, the City of Los Angeles and the community along the Wilshire Boulevard corridor, a community-supported street closure schedule has been chosen for the Wilshire/La Brea Metro Purple Line Station decking work. Earlier this week, Metro and Los Angeles City Council Member David Ryu announced that Metro will pursue a weekend-only closure operation now slated to begin this summer. Metro's original baseline schedule of 22 weekend-only closures was selected over an alternative plan that would have fully closed this portion of Wilshire Boulevard 24/7, for seven consecutive weeks.

During each weekend, Wilshire Boulevard will be closed beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Friday evening and will reopen by 6:00 a.m. Monday morning. Each phase of decking will have a different set of traffic plans, detour routes, and mitigations. Once complete, the concrete decking will allow traffic to continue to flow on the street while station construction occurs below ground. For the complete story and more details from Metro's press release, please click [here](#).

Metro Holds Service Change Public Hearings

The Metro Regional Service Councils have concluded their February 2016 Service Council meetings and Public Hearings on the Proposed June 2016 Bus Service Changes. The San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley and Westside/Central Service Councils held public hearings at their regular monthly meeting locations. The Gateway Service Council held its regular meeting and public hearing in Norwalk, and the South Bay Service Council held an evening public hearing in Carson. To further accommodate passengers, a Regional Public Hearing was held on Saturday morning, February 6, 2016 in the Board Room at Metro Gateway Headquarters. All public hearings on the Proposed June 2016 Bus Service Changes were well attended with over 100 speakers.

Metro Service Planning staff will now analyze public comments and consider the proposals based on public hearing input and other considerations. They will present the final recommendations to the March Service Councils regular meetings. The Service Councils' recommendations will be presented to the Metro Board at their Regular Board Meeting on April 28, 2016 for approval.

The proposed changes provide regional connections to Metro's growing rail network, realign services to better serve our customers, and consider the reduction of two lines that are proposed to be operated by other carriers. Service hours from the two discontinued lines would be partially reinvested in the greater network of services to improve connectivity and frequency throughout the region.

I-110/ Adams Flyover Project

Caltrans, in cooperation with Metro, has released a draft environmental document for the potential construction of an elevated off ramp on the Northbound I-110 ExpressLanes. This project would be 1,400 feet long and enable vehicles and buses exiting the ExpressLanes at Adams Boulevard to bypass the Flower Street and Adams Boulevard intersection and connect directly to Figueroa Street. In doing so, congestion and delay on the ExpressLanes, as well as on Figueroa and Flower Streets and Adams Boulevard would be reduced. Caltrans and Metro have also coordinated with the City of Los Angeles on the MyFigueroa project to ensure consistency. Briefings have been scheduled with Los Angeles City Councilmembers Curren Price, Gil Cedillo, and Marqueece Harris-Dawson.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to receive public input on the project. The meeting will be held at the Orthopaedic Institute for Children, Andrew Norman Hall, 403 West Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90007. If you have questions, please contact Shahrzad Amiri, Executive Officer, Congestion Reduction at 213-922-3061 or via email at amiris@metro.net.

For more information, please go to: <https://www.metro.net/projects/expresslanes/public-meetings/>.

Procurement Postings

Federal Legislative Advocacy Program (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure federal legislative advocacy services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, February 9, 2016 through Thursday, June 23, 2016.

In Los Angeles County, transportation decisions are an integral part of the political process. Because of the dynamic policy-making process and the involvement of multiple levels of government, Metro's ability to plan, program, and deliver transportation services is greatly impacted by federal, state and local legislation. The federal advocacy firm(s) will assist in the development of legislative policies and carry out an aggressive program to advance Metro's Board approved Federal Legislative Advocacy Program.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Maria V. Lechuga, Contract Administration Manager (Interim) at (213) 922-7206.

Construction Notices – Regional Connector, I-5

Regional Connector Project: Little Tokyo/Arts District Station -- Update

- Regional Connector work continues on schedule with the Little Tokyo/Arts District Station expected to reopen in March
- Bus shuttle service will remain until this work is complete
- For photos of the work being performed, and more info on bus shuttle service and Metro's parking validation program supporting Little Tokyo business during construction, please click the underlined link above.

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

“Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle”
~Abraham Lincoln



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