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Draft Expenditure Plan Released

Today, we released the Draft Expenditure Plan (The Plan) that we have been developing over the past months through our bottoms-up process with the Council of Governments, all 88 Cities in Los Angeles County and other stakeholders. The Plan lays out a proposal for how to address LA County's mobility needs over the next 40 to 50 years. That challenge requires a multi-faceted approach that positions the region for the future and dedicates resources to various components of our region as outlined in The Plan.

As I discussed at our All Hands meeting last month, we are considering whether to ask the voters to extend and add to the sales tax in order to generate \$120 billion in new revenues over those 40+ years. This will allow us to continue and grow the largest public works expansion and investment program in the country, something this region needs.

Next week, the Metro Board of Directors will hold their Regular March Board Meeting where they will discuss The Plan and determine whether to release this plan for public comment. This is an exciting time as we transform transportation throughout LA County. Now is the time to invest in our transportation and mobility infrastructure. I look forward to continuing the valuable partnership between Metro and all stakeholders involved in this.

For more information including copies of the draft plan, staff reports, and opportunities to participate, please visit our website by clicking here: <http://theplan.metro.net/>

OEI Represented at WTS Event and 3rdLA: Where the Sidewalk Ends

This morning, Metro Chief Innovation Officer Joshua Schank spoke before a packed room of WTS-LA members to discuss his path to where he is today. Professional development of this sort is critical, and Metro is creating more opportunities to understand career pathways and keys to leadership every day. We appreciate WTS-LA holding up Joshua's diverse experience in the transportation industry as a model.

Thursday evening, the Office of Extraordinary Innovation team traveled to Gensler's LA Red Zone for an event held as part of Occidental College's most recent 3rdLA Series: The Emerging City. The panel featured Janette Sadik-Khan, who recently coauthored a new book called Streetfight: Handbook for an Urban Revolution as well as LA County Bicycle Coalition Executive Director Tamika Butler, and General Manager of LADOT Seleta Reynolds. Los Angeles Times Architecture Critic Christopher Hawthorne and Gensler Architect Roger Sherman co-moderated the discussion, which explored topics including the future of travel, the relationship between public works and private ambition, and

how to make our public spaces more liveable.

GLAAACC 23rd Annual Economic Awards Dinner

Yesterday evening, I was joined by LA County Supervisor and Metro Chair Mark Ridley Thomas, Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Second Vice Chair Eric Garcetti, City of Inglewood Mayor and Metro Board Member James Butts, and Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker at the 23rd Annual Economic Awards Dinner for the Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce, (GLAAACC). The event, with attendance exceeding 700 guests, honored Mayor Butts for exemplary "Community Service". In addition, Metro staff from the Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department and I were honorees. GLAAACC attracts a wide range of business people, many of whom are interested in doing business with Metro and other public agencies. The dinner serves to acknowledge successful African American entrepreneurs for accomplishments in the past year, salute Corporate partners for their collaboration on behalf of small business. The Dinner further serves to encourage and support young people by granting scholarships to promising students. A highlight of the evening was the enthusiastic applause for the partnership between Metro and the Los Angeles World Airport, united in our determination to offer a world class transportation system in Los Angeles County, City and region.

I greatly appreciate receiving the "Executive of the Year" award, and I congratulate the winners of the "Diversity Team Award", Wendy White, Linda Perryman and Tashai Smith, my fellow Metro awardees.

Leadership Academy's March Session

On Tuesday, Metro's Leadership Academy attended a session that focused on the importance of Communication and Labor Relations. The session was led by USC faculty and Metro management, giving participants the opportunity to directly apply academic theories and concepts to their workplace. The departments of Communications and Labor Relations did a fantastic job in providing a layout of their department's function and explaining the role communication has in their realm of work. One highlight was a tour of the headquarters building led by Metro DEO of General Services Steve Jaffe and his General Services staff. Participants learned all about the technical aspects needed to operate our 456ft.-tall building and certainly enjoyed the view of Los Angeles from the rooftop of Metro Gateway Headquarters. A special thanks to all the presenters who took the time out of their busy schedules to provide valuable insight and knowledge to Metro's future leaders. For a photo from the Gateway Headquarters tour, please click [here](#).

2016 APTA Legislative Conference in Washington, DC

Earlier this week, I attended the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) Legislative Conference held annually in Washington, DC. I was pleased to have three Metro Board members in attendance – Vice Chair and Duarte City Councilmember John Fasana, Metro Board Member and City of Lakewood Councilmember Diane DuBois and Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker – whom participated in the APTA Conference, along with a number of Board Deputies. During the APTA Conference, our Board members and I met with our federal advocacy team to discuss our Board-approved 2016 Federal Legislative Agenda. While on Capitol Hill, we also had an opportunity to brief Members of the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation and their aides on the status of our Potential Ballot Measure. I am especially appreciative to Congresswoman Grace Napolitano for hosting this congressional briefing and to Congressman Brad Sherman and Congresswoman Judy Chu for attending – along with over 10 senior congressional aides. I look forward to APTA's upcoming Annual Conference that will be held in Los Angeles County this coming October.

Little Tokyo/Arts District Gold Line Station Reopens This Weekend

This Sunday, March 20, at the start of regular 4:00 a.m. service, Metro Gold Line from East Los Angeles resumes full service to all station stops along the entire rail line. Bus shuttles will no longer be needed from Pico Aliso Station into Union Station and Little Tokyo/Arts District Station since all track work has been completed. I want to thank the communities of Little Tokyo, Pico Aliso, Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles and other surrounding communities for their patience and support for the Regional Connector as we conclude this work at 1st and Alameda Streets. For the official Metro advisory, please click [here](#).

Procurement Postings

Metro Blue Line Signal System Rehabilitation

Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) Monday, March 21, 2016, for Metro Blue Line Signal System Rehabilitation. The Statement of Qualification is due Thursday April 21, 2016. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday March 21, 2016 through October 2017.

Metro is seeking a contractor to design and build system improvements for the Metro Blue Line (MBL): to add six (6) new interlockings, to add two (2) siding tracks, to refurbish existing Overhead Contact System (OCS) contact wire, to modify the existing mainline Automatic Train Control System, and to modify the train control system in the Metro Blue Line Yard at Division 11.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Wonder Van Twist, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7325.

Copier Paper - Small Business Prime (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure copier paper. **The solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, March 24, 2016 through Wednesday, August 31, 2016.

Copier paper is used in the administrative offices as well as the copy center to produce documents for Metro business. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1018.

Exhaust System Modification at El Monte Transit Center (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) Friday, March 18, 2016, for Parking Lot Improvements at North Hollywood Red Line, Artesia Blue Line, and Wardlow Blue Line stations. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 18, 2016 through Wednesday, May 11, 2016.

Metro is seeking a contractor to design and provide upgrades to the existing exhaust system at the concourse level of the El Monte Transit Center at 3501 Santa Anita Ave, El Monte, CA 91731.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Dianne Sirisut, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2737.

High Density Equipment Reverse Osmosis, In-Line Filtration Systems and Bottled Water Service (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure Reverse Osmosis (RO), In-Line Filtration Systems (ILFS) and/or Bottled Water Services for Metro facilities throughout Los Angeles County. Proposers may bid on one or both services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, March 22, 2016 through Monday, May 9, 2016.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified contractor(s) to provide Reverse Osmosis (RO), In-Line

Filtration Systems (ILFS) and/or Bottled Water Services for Metro facilities that include but are not limited to bus divisions, terminals, rail divisions, train stations, customer offices and bus lay over areas.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Rommel Hilario, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4654.

Construction Notices – Expo Line, I-5

Metro Expo Line: [Bus Shuttles Replace Expo Line Rail Service](#) – Between Expo/La Brea and Culver City Stations

- Stations will be closed for routine tree trimming and Expo Phase 2 work
- The stations will be closed beginning Saturday, March 19 through Sunday, March 20, close of service
- For more details including maps and visuals of the rail and shuttle service, please click the underlined link above in the title.

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

“Remember that no one succeeds alone. Never walk alone in your future paths.”
~Sonya Sotomayor



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