

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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## **Transportation & Goods Movement Council Meeting**

Today, I joined Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee Jim Frazier (D-Oakley) at the Transportation & Goods Movement Council Meeting hosted by the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. Assemblymember Frazier discussed the future of transportation for California and goods movement priorities and challenges for the upcoming year. I had a chance to present Metro’s current efforts to improve mobility throughout Los Angeles County and the importance of rebuilding and enhancing our infrastructure. I took the opportunity to highlight Metro’s new goods movement division and new federal funding opportunities for goods movement in the county. The transportation of people and goods is one of the most significant, yet difficult economic challenges in this region so I appreciate the various stakeholders who joined in this discussion and look forward to continuing this work.

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## **Los Angeles Union Station Master Plan Program EIR Scoping Meeting**

As I mentioned last week, Metro has initiated the preparation of the Program Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR) for the Los Angeles Union Station Master Plan. The Master Plan describes the vision and plan to guide future transit operations, development, and enhanced pedestrian and bicycle access to and from Los Angeles Union Station.

Yesterday, we held the Scoping Meeting for the Master Plan Program EIR. Over 50 stakeholders attended, including a representative from the office of Metro Second Vice Chair and Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti. The meeting included a project overview presentation, an open house where participants spoke one-on-one with project staff and consultants to learn more about the project, and a station where attendees submitted written comments on the overall project and on the scope and content of the environmental process. In addition to the Scoping Meeting, we have held over 10 briefings with key stakeholder groups in the Arts District, Chinatown, El Pueblo, and Little Tokyo.

Information about the Program EIR, including how to submit comments, is available on the website, [metro.net/lausmp](http://metro.net/lausmp). As a reminder, written comments are due by April 19, 2016 to:

Elizabeth Carvajal

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### **LABC Tribute to United States Senator Barbara Boxer**

Yesterday evening, Metro Board Members, Metro staff and a host of other elected officials and dignitaries attended a tribute to United States Senator Barbara Boxer organized by the Los Angeles Business Council (LABC) at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. Senator Boxer received a Legacy Award from the LABC and thankful words and remarks were provided by Metro Board members including Metro Chair and LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Metro Second Vice Chair and Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti, and Metro Board Member and LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis. This special event celebrated the outstanding public service rendered by Senator Boxer in support of Metro, the State of California and our Nation. This was a great tribute to Senator Boxer and we look forward to the LABC's upcoming 2016 Sustainability Summit being held at the end of the month. The title of the LABC summit this year is "California's Energy and Water Future in a Global Market."

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### **ALMA Kicks-off its Lunch & Learn Series: Grandson of Cesar Chavez is Honored**

Yesterday, the Advancing Latinos at Metro Association (ALMA) hosted the first collaboration with the Cesar Chavez Foundation in the form of a Lunch & Learn at Metro Headquarters and together they celebrated Cesar Chavez' birthday. ALMA and Metro were honored to have Cesar's grandson, Cesar L. Chavez, share family stories and how the Foundation is continuing Cesar's legacy. Cesar Chavez was an American farm worker, labor leader and civil rights activist, who co-founded the National Farm Workers Association (later the United Farm Workers Union, UFW). For a photo from yesterday's Lunch & Learn, please click [here](#).

For more information on the Cesar Chavez Foundation, visit: [www.chavezfoundation.org](http://www.chavezfoundation.org)

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### **The Second Convening of LA County City Mayors**

Also yesterday, I hosted a luncheon for the Mayors of the 88 cities in Los Angeles County. This is the second luncheon with the Mayors I have held since joining Metro and the first since the release of the Draft Expenditure Plan. After providing an overview of the Plan, we had a frank and open discussion about a variety of issues including the opportunity to accelerate the timing of projects, opportunities to increase local return, whether additional funding could be provided for local "green streets" initiatives, and how possible P3 opportunities will be evaluated. Nearly 40 cities were represented by their Mayor or member of their City Council.

I appreciate Metro Board Chair and LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Metro First Vice Chair and City of Duarte Councilmember John Fasana for also joining this meeting. They each reminded the group that the Draft Plan was developed with a bottoms-up approach with involvement from the cities and regional Council of Governments. I would like to thank our Community & Municipal Affairs team for arranging this luncheon as a part of their ongoing "88 Cities Project" to build and maintain strong relationships with all the cities in the County on behalf of the agency. This group is also taking the lead on the community meetings to gather public input on the Potential Ballot Measure Expenditure Plan that begin next week and continue through April in every part of the County.

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### **Television Interviews with KABC and KNBC News to Discuss Potential Ballot Measure**

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On Wednesday, I visited the Channel 7 Studios in Glendale to tape a segment for the KABC broadcast Eyewitness News Makers. Show host Adrienne Alpert asked about the important issues related to the potential ballot measure (PBM) and I explained how the Metro plan provides an “infrastructure inheritance” for our children and grandchildren. I discussed the projects and explained the process by which Metro received feedback from cities and regions about their specific needs and how those suggestions were considered when developing the PBM expenditure plan. The broadcast is scheduled for Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Also, last week I talked on NewsConference with NBC Channel 4 host Conan Nolan about how Metro is planning to improve Los Angeles County’s transit system through our PBM expenditure plan. The taping of this interview can be found [here](#).

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### **VICA Leaders Forum**

On Tuesday morning, I had the pleasure of delivering the keynote address at Valley Industry and Commerce Association’s (VICA) Leaders Forum at the Sportsmen’s Lodge in Studio City. The event, attended by over 100 business and community leaders, provided an opportunity to share my vision of leaving an infrastructure inheritance for generations to come through the proposed ballot measure. VICA has been a longstanding supporter of Metro’s efforts and has been an active partner in the development of San Fernando Valley projects. I was pleased to hear VICA’s appeal to Valley residents, business, and community stakeholders, to engage in the upcoming public input process on the PBM Expenditure Plan.

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### **Visiting the Crenshaw/LAX “Harriet” Site**

On Monday, I visited the Expo/Crenshaw Station and the at-grade segment on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project. I was joined by Metro Executive Director of Program Management Rick Clarke, Metro Project Director Charles Beauvoir, and Construction Manager for Walsh Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC) Rick Felkins III. I had an opportunity to see “Harriet”, Crenshaw/LAX’s Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM), first hand before she begins work early this month. At roughly 400 feet long and weighing in at approximately 950 tons, Harriet is an impressive machine. Harriet will be boring two parallel tunnels connecting three underground stations on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project.

A highlight of my visit was having lunch at the world famous [Dulan’s Soul Food on Crenshaw](#) and an impromptu meeting with owner Greg Dulan. Greg shared with me his thoughts about both the challenges and opportunities the project brings to the community. Family owned and operated, Dulan’s was established 30 years ago and is a Los Angeles institution. If you haven’t had a chance yet, I recommend paying them a visit, along with our other restaurants in our [Metro’s Eat, Shop, Play Crenshaw program](#).

I am excited about the great progress we are making on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project and the incredible milestone that Harriet’s launch represents. For a photo from our visit with Harriet, please click [here](#).

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### **Regional Services Council Meeting**

Also on Monday, I presented an overview of the Draft Potential Ballot Measure Expenditure Plan to the Regional Service Councils. The Service Councils advise on planning and implementation of bus service within their regions. They also assist Metro by providing opportunities for direct community input into service issues and assisting with outreach to regional stakeholders.

The meeting was well attended with representatives from each of the five Council regions.

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Councilmembers participated in a question and answer session following the presentation and shared some of the preliminary concerns of the communities they represent, all of which will help staff to be responsive to regional interests as the Potential Ballot Measure moves forward. While each region's representatives has its individual concerns, the Service Council Members recognized the enormous opportunity the potential ballot measure presents to significantly advance regional transit, connectivity, accessibility, and safety goals.

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### **Excellent Experience with Metro Customer Relations**

We are getting close to one year since I released my Vision for Metro and I am pleased to hear about the many ways we are following through and executing the goals in this Vision. One of our goals is to recognize our obligation as a publicly constituted organization to be responsive to our customers and constituents, and provide competent execution of our assigned responsibilities. I want to recognize and thank our Customer Relations team for truly demonstrating excellence in that important duty of responding to our customers in a swift and efficient manner as mentioned by this thankful Metro customer:

*Dear Mr. Washington,*

*I am writing to commend your customer relations team for being very helpful with my daughter's TAP card application.*

*The post office returned her card three times due to a glitch in their system. Your team was diligent in contacting me, re-sending the card two times and finally having it on hand when we went to pick it up. I couldn't ask for better service.*

*Thanks a million,*

*Lea Pfau*

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### **Procurement Postings**

#### Metro Red and Purple Line Station Platform End Gates & Sidings (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Platform End Gates and Side Panels. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, March 30, 2016 through Wednesday, September 7, 2016.

This procurement is for the design and fabrication of sixty-eight (68) New Platform End Gates and Side Panels for Metro's stations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aryani L. Guzman, Assistant Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

#### MRL Universal City Station KOP Installation (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a contractor to construct the closure wall at the exiting opening of Knock-Out-Panel Number 4 (KOP NO. 4) at the Los Angeles Metro Red Line Universal City Station outlined in the Specifications. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 1, 2016 through June 1, 2016.

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

#### Fire Mist Suppression System (RFP)

Metro released Request for Proposal No. OP269293047 to procure a prototype for a Fire Mist Suppression System. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 1, 2016 through July 30, 2016.

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The contractor will develop a prototype for the on-board fire suppression system to be installed on a passenger railcar. The prototype shall include one married pair of the AnsaldoBreda A650 Heavy Rail Vehicle.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Susan Dove, Contract Administration Manager at (213) 922-7451.

#### Bus Tire Leasing and Maintenance Services – RFP

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure tire leasing and maintenance services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, April 5, 2016 through Monday, June 13, 2016.

Metro is seeking a contractor to provide tire leasing and maintenance services for its bus and non-revenue vehicle fleets. The contract is expected to be for a period of five years.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Kenneth Takahashi, Contract Administration Manager at (213) 922-1047.

#### ProgramMetro Subscription (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals to procure Software as a Service (SaaS) for ProgramMetro for the Federal Transportation Improvement Program. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, April 7, 2016 through Monday, June 27, 2016.

The purpose of this procurement is to implement major upgrades and provide ongoing 24/7 support and maintenance to SaaS. SaaS is used to manage Metro's web-based Regional Transportation Improvement Program database, known as ProgramMetro, for adoption and amendments of transportation projects.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sonja Gettel, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7558.

#### Metro Joint Development Contract Bench (RFIQ)

Metro will release a Request for Information and Qualifications (RFIQ) to procure professional services for the Metro Joint Development (JD) Contract Bench in the following disciplines: JD Community Outreach, Urban, Architectural, and Wayfinding Design, Financial Feasibility, and Grant Writing. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 7, 2016 through September 11, 2016.

The Metro JD Department is seeking qualified firms to establish the JD Contract Bench. This RFIQ is to develop a technical bench of qualified Contractors to provide the JD Department with professional services, expertise, and assistance on tasks related to the joint development of Metro-owned properties.

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.

#### GIS Database for Pedestrian Model Development Plan (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals to procure services for aerial image data extraction for a Metro GIS database for pedestrian model development. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, April 8, 2016 through Thursday, July 7, 2016.

The purpose of this project is to construct a database of sidewalks and right-hand lanes of primary and secondary roads in Los Angeles County. Shape files will be created to measure selected characteristics of these features and summarize at the link level on a TeleAtlas database, using Los Angeles Region Imagery Acquisition Consortium (LARIAC) aerial photo data as the source.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and

may only be answered by Sonja Gettel, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7558.

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### **Construction Notices – Regional Connector, Purple Line Extension, I-5**

Regional Connector Project: [Pile Installation at 2nd/Hope Station Yard](#)

- On Bunker Hill, crews are preparing to install soldier piles throughout the yard which will support future station excavation and tunneling operations
- Workers will drill, install and then backfill dozens of piles for the next two months at 2<sup>nd</sup>/Hope Station area
- This work is slated to begin Monday, April 4, 2016
- Demolition of the 65-foot 2<sup>nd</sup> Place bridge located in the middle of the work zone has been completed
- A video of bridge demolition can be found by clicking [here](#).

Purple Line Extension Project: [Excavation Shaft Construction – Wilshire/La Brea](#)

- Beginning Saturday, April 2 through Friday, April 15, 2016 the design builder will construct the support structure for the excavation shaft to build the future Wilshire/La Brea subway station
- Temporary deck panels will be installed, and steel cap beams will be placed on top of existing underground piles
- For complete details as provided in the official Metro advisory, please click the underlined link above.

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

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*“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”*  
~Aristotle

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