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Local Resolutions Regarding the Potential Ballot Measure

City Councils and Council of Governments in Los Angeles County have begun to formally consider resolutions of support and/or comment regarding the Draft Expenditure Plan and potential ballot measure. Yesterday, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments voted to endorse Metro's Draft Expenditure Plan for a proposed 2016 Los Angeles County Transportation Ballot Measure. They also requested that Metro maintain flexibility to allow for individual acceleration to match federal or state project grant allocations and to move the potential Gold Line Eastside Extension Phase 2: State Route 60 Corridor Alternative up to the first 15 years of funding.

Earlier this week, the City of Monrovia adopted a resolution urging the Metro Board of Directors to place a measure on the November 8 election ballot that will generate additional revenues for transportation improvements in the County. Additionally, the City of Temple City adopted a resolution requesting that Metro consider a 2% allocation in the Draft Expenditure Plan for Green Streets programs that could be implemented at the local level. I welcome these actions by our local partners and will keep you informed as other city councils take up the matter.

Community Meeting on Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Improvements

On Tuesday, Metro hosted a community meeting for the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Improvement Project (Project). About two dozen members of the community joined us at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Public Health. The Project will provide significant design improvements and enhancements to the 25-year-old Station where the Blue and Green Lines connect including expanding into the neighboring Kenneth Hahn shopping plaza for better public access to the community and transit facilities. After a comprehensive presentation describing the purpose and

scope of the project, the public was invited to provide input through breakout sessions focusing on Safety and Security, the Community Plaza, Bike Hub, Neighborhood Connectivity, Moving through the Station, and Public Art. Input was overwhelmingly positive with particular interest in the area of public art and the safety and security improvements that will come with the station upgrades. A representative for Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas was present. We are scheduled to return to the community for our next meeting on Tuesday, May 17 where we will present an updated design reflecting the public input we received.

Measure R Independent Taxpayers Oversight Committee Meet for Annual Audit Hearing

On Monday, the Measure R Independent Taxpayers Oversight Committee met for their annual Audit Hearing. After conducting the hearing, the committee of retired judges received presentations from Metro staff on the potential ballot initiative, Project Management Oversight, and procedures for Performance Audits. Additionally, the committee heard testimony from Christine Cooper of the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation that outlined the economic benefits (both realized and projected) which the region will experience due to Measure R. An essential component of Measure R, the Oversight Committee stands as an example of good government oversight.

Union Station East Portal Aquarium Reopens

Also on Monday, construction barriers were removed as work has been completed to renovate the Union Station East Portal fish aquarium. The aquarium is part of a multimedia artwork by artists May Sun and Richard Wyatt entitled "River of Dreams, River of History" that includes tile benches, bronze paving inserts, historical excavated artifacts, a fountain "river" and a large scale painted mural that comments on the environmental and cultural history of the site where Union Station now sits. Work included restoring the plexiglass tank, repair of the tile bench, replacement of life-support equipment including an independent chiller, salt water storage tank and sophisticated filtration, lighting and pump equipment. The aquarium livestock species are indigenous to the cold water found on the California coast and features Painted Greenling, Blacksmith Chromis, Seorita, Kelp Perch, Halfmoon, Flag Rockfish, Brown Rockfish, Treefish, Copper Rockfish, Giant Kelpfish, and Garibaldi. Take a look at this great work the next time you are down in Union Station.

Metro Chair Visits White House, U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Capitol

Earlier this week, I joined Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas for a series of meetings at the White House, U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and U.S. Capitol to advance our Board-approved 2016 Federal Legislative Program. In content rich meetings with senior officials at the White House, with Deputy Secretary of Transportation Victor Mendez, Acting Federal Transit Administration Administrator Carolyn Flowers, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, U. S. Senator Barbara Boxer, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Assistant Democratic Leader James Clyburn, Congresswoman Karen Bass, Congresswoman Janice Hahn and other key Members of Congress, our Chairman addressed issues ranging from our high level of interest in making the Obama Administration's Local Hire Pilot Program permanent, our special focus on the USDOT's pending TIGER and FASTLANES grant program, securing full New Starts funding for our transit projects, among other vital matters related to Metro's federal programs and projects. I want to thank the Metro Chair for spending two days effectively advancing our Board-approved Federal Legislative

Program with the White House, USDOT and with members of both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

Week 3 of Community Meetings on Metro's Plan to Ease Traffic

Also this week, we brought our Plan to Ease Traffic to the Antelope Valley with a meeting in Palmdale, and the Westside with a meeting in West Hollywood. Chief Communications Officer Paulette Tonillas presented at both of the meetings this week. About two dozen members of the public attended the meeting in Palmdale where 65% said they would vote for the tax proposal. Nearly 80 people attended the West Hollywood meeting where 83% indicated they would support the tax proposal. Our community meetings continue tomorrow Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m. here in the Metro Board Room, next Tuesday, April 26 in Paramount, and Thursday, April 28 in South LA before concluding with our Virtual Online Community Meeting on Saturday, April 30.

MEPA Presents A Day in the Life of Audit, Tours the Crenshaw/LAX Alignment

The Metro Emerging Professionals Association (MEPA) held two very different and exciting events last week, continuing their efforts to provide professional development opportunities by exposing employees to different aspects of Metro's business.

On Friday, April 15, MEPA joined the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project team for an overview of the project and a tour of the alignment. An articulated Metro bus took the group of 36 from the northern Crenshaw Office near Crenshaw/Expo station to the Metro Green Line tie-in. After the tour, MEPA supported the local community by participating in an Eat, Shop, Play lunch at Buffalo Wild Wings led by External Affairs Manager JC Lacey. Thank you to Deputy Executive Officer Charles Beauvoir, and Crenshaw/LAX Project team members Brett Roberts, Isai Rosa, Chris Jones, Michael Aminian and Tiffany Smith, and the Eat, Shop, Play teams, as well as Steve Rank and Metro Bus Operations for helping make this tremendous learning opportunity possible.

On Tuesday, April 12, MEPA teamed up with the Management Audit Services Department (MASD) to host "A Day in the Life of an Auditor." The event introduced the diverse crowd to the department, explaining their role, the types of audits they conduct, the audit process, what's involved in creating an audit plan and agency wide risk assessment, and what to expect if your program or project gets selected for an audit. Thank you to Chief Auditor Diana Estrada and her staff Yvette Suarez, Lois James, Lauren Choi and Laura Gomez for creating this opportunity to learn about a critical business function and how auditors ensure quality within the agency.

Experiences like these help Metro employees see how the valuable role they play fits into the bigger picture of a transforming Los Angeles County. For a group photo from the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project tour, please click [here](#).

Metro Employee Went to the Extreme to Save a Life

Last week, I informed you of the National Safety Council's list of, "2016 CEOs Who 'get it'" and emphasized that we were awarded this as an agency – not just the CEO. This award which is presented to leaders who demonstrate continued and outstanding commitment to the safety of

employees, and customers, goes specifically to employees like Rail Safety Ambassador Shannon Harold. It is always a pleasure to receive emails about our employees going above and beyond the call of duty to help provide assistance, help guide a lost customer, ensure a customer received their student TAP card on time or most important, ensure a customer or citizen is safe around our trains. The email below is a reminder of how much Metro continues to improve on becoming the best and safest transportation agency in the world and I thank Ms. Harold for her keen observations and not letting up on her efforts:

Good morning. I would like to bring to your attention an employee stationed at the Arcadia yard [Arcadia station]. Her name is Shannon Harold. I recently lost my job and was in deep thought sitting on the tracks not even realizing I was there, waiting for the light to change. I kept hearing whistles and voices but didn't pay attention to it. Then I seen Shannon on her whistle and arms moving. I knew then a train is coming. I moved. I know she is doing her job but I want you to know that out of all the employees there, she went to the extreme to help. Very observant and caring individual. I thank you for having such great persons working for you. Have a great day.

Lawrence C. from Arcadia

Automated Storage and Retrieval System Upgrades

Another successful ASRS hardware upgrade was recently completed by Metro Vendor/Contract Management which consisted of replacing several major parts such as crane rails, motors, gears, wheels and electronic communication devices. The upgrade was necessary to ensure that the equipment's uptime are kept optimal in order to prevent disruption to the warehouse operation in supplying bus and rail parts to all Metro's operating divisions. The ASRS system, located at the Metro Central Maintenance Facility is a computer controlled, automated material handling system designed to store small and large bus and rail parts and support the distribution of parts throughout the agency.

Our vendor, Dematic, and Metro staff worked diligently during the 4 months of implementation to minimize interruption to the warehouse operation and as a result, the upgrade project was completed on time and on budget. I would like to thank Project Manager Noel Pamplona, with support from Department System Analysts Harold Wells and Al Luna, Facilities Maintenance team members Terril Johnson, James Gray, Norberto Orellan, and the IT department for showing excellence in support of our Metro operations.

Metro Will Participate in 2016 Denim Day

Next Wednesday, April 27, 2016 Metro will participate in Denim Day, an international observance with the message "There is never an invitation to rape." The Denim Day name comes from a court case in Italy in which a rapist's conviction was overturned, partially, because the victim wore tight denim jeans. Please join me on Wednesday and wear denim to show your support for survivors and educate ourselves and others about sexual assault. Employees in job classifications in which a uniform is required to perform regular duties may also wear denim unless safety is compromised as safety is still priority #1. Together we can help make Metro as safe as possible.

Procurement Postings

Metro Recycled Tote Bag Program (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Metro Recycled Tote Bags. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, April 26, 2016 through Friday, June 17, 2016.

The selected vendors will work closely with the Environmental Compliance and Services Department to provide recycled tote bags as needed. Environmental Compliance and Services Department are seeking to establish a relationship with a vendor for a period of four years, with a maximum of 50,000 recycled tote bags ordered during that time.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Antwaun Boykin, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1056.

Services Related to Processing, Adjudication and Collection of Transit and Parking Citations (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide an electronic citation application for smartphones and citation processing services to support Citation Administration and Transit Court and the handling of transit and parking citations issued by Metro as outlined in the Statement of Work. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 25, 2016 through October 3, 2016.

Contractor shall provide Metro with access to a computer information system that will allow Metro Transit Court personnel the ability to view citations, customer correspondence, citation records, record payments or dispositions of cases. Contractor shall also generate notices to transit customers with unpaid citations and process and reconcile payments received online, by phone, in-person and by mail.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aielyn Q. Dumaua, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7320.

P2550 Light Rail Vehicle Battery Sets (IFB)

Metro will release Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. MA24957 to procure P2550 Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Battery Sets. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 22, 2016 through June 24, 2016.

This procurement is to purchase a quantity of Fifty (50) Fiber-Nickel-Cadmium batteries that will be used on the P2550 Light Rail Vehicles (LRV) operated by Metro.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Jean Davis, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1041.

Fire-Life Safety System Testing and Certification Services (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) seeking a qualified licensed contractor to provide annual and five-year testing, calibration, repair, re-testing, and certification of water based fire suppression systems, simple and complex fire alarm panels, related sensors, systems and fire-life safety equipment. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, April 28, 2016 to Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

As per the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) and NFPA 25 as amended by California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 19, annual and five year testing, and certification must be completed on water based fire suppression systems simple and complex fire alarm panels, related sensors, systems and fire-life safety equipment. The procurement

process blackout period is expected to run from.

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.

Bicycle Education and Safety Team (RFP) – Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals to procure services to carry out the Bicycle Education and Safety Team (BEST) Program. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, April 27, 2016 through Monday, July 11, 2016.

The purpose of this procurement is to develop a strategic program and conduct workshops for bicycle safety education and everyday bicycle transportation education.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ted Sparkuhl, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7399.

South Pasadena Station (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure an ADA approved ramp at the South Pasadena Station of the Metro Gold Line. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, April 28, 2016 through Wednesday, June 29, 2016.

This ADA approved ramp at the South Pasadena Station of the Metro Gold Line will make the station stop accessible for patrons with differing abilities.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by contract administrator Alyssa Garcia, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7574.

Construction Notices – Purple Line, I-5

Metro Purple Line Extension Project: Sound Wall Construction – Wilshire/Ogden Staging Yard

- In preparation for the start of station construction in the Wilshire/Fairfax area, workers will be building a sound wall around the existing Wilshire/Ogden Staging Yard
- Construction will involve potholing, installing above-grade piles and installing panels with sound blankets
- Work will begin Monday, April 25 and will continue through mid-June 2016
- Construction will occur on weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- For more details please click the underline link above in the title

Caltrans Interstate 5: All construction updates

“The ultimate test of man’s conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard.”

~Gaylord Nelson



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