

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### La Brea Decking News Conference

Today, I joined Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, L.A. City Council Member David Ryu and LADOT General Manager, Seleta Reynolds, in a news conference to raise public awareness for Metro's planned 22-weekend closure of Wilshire Boulevard in the Miracle Mile area. The closures are needed to begin the La Brea decking operation and related activities for the Metro Purple Line Extension Project. The operation will require the phased closures and detours for three different portions of Wilshire Boulevard in the congested Mid-Wilshire District of Los Angeles. This is the latest construction milestone of the Metro Purple Line Extension Project. In an effort to minimize the impact to the community, no decking work will be conducted during the regular work week. Metro's schedule of 22 weekend-only closures is supported by the Miracle Mile community of residents and business interests following Metro's extensive community input process. More than 100 area meetings were held to guide community stakeholders through the upcoming operation.

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### Public Scoping Meeting for Link Union Station (formerly SCRIP)

Last night, Metro hosted a scoping meeting to formally kickoff the environmental review process to evaluate transportation improvements for Union Station. About 50 members of the public were in attendance. The project is designed to meet the long-term regional rail needs by allowing Union Station to function more efficiently and provide a better overall passenger experience. Now called Link US, it is made up of several key components, including:

- New run-through tracks over the US-101 freeway to provide one-seat rides to major destinations in Southern California
- A new passenger concourse with retail, food services, passenger waiting areas, and other amenities
- A new loop track to provide operational flexibility
- Reconfiguration of the “throat” (station entry tracks) and elevation of the “rail yard” (station arrival and boarding area)
- Potential accommodation of California High Speed Rail

The CEQA public comment period runs until June 27, 2016 while the NEPA public comment period runs until June 30, 2016. More information can be found at the website [here](#). Over the next 30 days Metro will be further engaging with neighbors and stakeholder groups. This project is a partnership between Metro, Metrolink and California High Speed Rail.

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### **Meeting with City Managers**

On Wednesday, I met with about 75 individuals including city managers and other key staff from cities throughout LA County. The meeting was requested and organized by the League of Cities to discuss our Draft Expenditure Plan. Following introductions and an overview of the public input we’ve received so far on The Plan, Ken Farfaring from the City of Signal Hill led the discussion. The discussion included interest in increasing local return in The Plan to 20%, a new formula that would apportion local return based one-third each on population, sales tax receipts and road miles for each jurisdiction. We also discussed issues relating to the timing of projects, Green Streets, toll lanes and polling for this and other issues that may be heading to the November ballot. I assured the group that we are taking their input seriously as we develop our revised recommendations on The Plan. I also provided an overview of our schedule moving forward and committed to share the updated recommendations with them as soon as they become available.

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### **Foreign Delegations visit Metro**

On Wednesday, we hosted foreign delegations from Finland and China to discuss potential partnerships. Finland’s Permanent Secretary Jari Gustafsson led a delegation of business leaders from 11 firms from Finland to become familiar with infrastructure leaders in Los Angeles County. Metro staff showcased Metro’s initiatives pertaining to Public Private Partnership, Sustainability, and future construction projects.

Also, the United States and China have an established Transportation Forum that meets annually. The Forum addresses transportation topics of mutual concern to both countries. On Wednesday, an 18-person delegation from the Working Group visited with Metro staff showcasing Metro’s Construction, Planning, Sustainability and Vehicle Technology, Operations programs and a tour of Division 13.

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## **Metro Quality of Life Report**

I'm happy to report that on Tuesday, the agency issued its first Quality of Life Report. For the past several months, staff has been pulling together lots of data to document the impact of our local transportation investment on the region. Our team has been working with Fehr and Peers, a consultant team very experienced in developing these types of reports. This report shows how the region has benefitted in numerous ways since the implementation of Measure R, and some areas for improvement. It covers areas such as customer satisfaction, on-time performance, safety, access to transit services, access to jobs, drive time versus transit travel times, sustainability, affordable housing, active transportation, demographics of our customers, and more. A more detailed, full report will be available in the coming months. You can check out the initial report on the website [here](#).

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## **Charles Beauvoir to be Honored by the Bridge Builders Foundation**

Congratulations to Charles Beauvoir, Deputy Executive Officer of Project Management, who will receive an award on Saturday at the Bridge Builders Foundation's Salute & Scholarship Banquet. Charles will be honored with the Perseverance Award for 29 years of creative and innovative solutions to challenging engineering projects.

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## **UberPOOL + Expo Breaks Down Barriers and Silos, Provides a First and Last Mile Solution**

In concert with the opening of the Expo Line extension, the Office of Extraordinary Innovation (OEI) executed its first successful partnership with a Transportation Network Company (TNC), or rideshare service, breaking down barriers to test new ideas, and further improving mobility to the West Side in the process. The Expo + UberPOOL deal was completed in 6 weeks as a spin off of a broader Unsolicited Proposal.

This partnership is significant not only because it constitutes the first partnership of this type, but because of its strong nexus with Metro's focus on innovation and board directives to seek new ways to partner with emerging transportation technology firms. This partnership embraced innovation, shed constraints on how things are done, and sought to bring greater balance to our multi-modal transportation system. Working with TNCs can help Metro improve first and last mile connections, leverage and integrate technology to improve the customer experience, provide alternatives to parking at stations, and feed our existing service. Over the course of the two week period:

- Over 10,000 people entered the promotional codes offered by Uber for use to or from an Expo station. Uber considered this above average for events of a similar size and nature.
- Uber's brand ambassadors handed out 40,000 promo cards with the Metro logo
- Cross promotional press releases, email and social media went out explaining the deal and advertising the partnership, as well as the launch of Expo.

While this particular agreement ends today, it helped build a foundation for future partnerships with similar companies that are changing the face of transportation in Los Angeles and around the country. Metro and Uber will begin to debrief and analyze the impact. As we conclude this important first step, I would like to thank the many departments who came together through this process, including Community Relations, Marketing, Risk Management, County Counsel, Security, Planning, Operations, Rail Strategic Planning and Civil Rights. I would specifically like to acknowledge the hard work of Colin Peppard, Janice Kasai, Diana

Ruzova, Anna Chen, Aurea Adao, Bruce Shelburne, Medford Auguste, Andres Di Zitti, Duane Martin, Nolan Borgman, and Greg Kildare.

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### **Metro's Instagram featured in Wired Magazine**

This week Wired magazine, the premier publication reporting on emerging technologies, published their list of the “Ten Instagram accounts to feed your inner transportation nerd.” Metro’s account came in at number one beating out Amtrak, MTA and SEPTA’s accounts. Wired specifically called out Metro’s recent post jumping on the “Tiny Drake” meme saying “these cats are so media savvy”. Congrats to the Instagram team, in particular to Anna Chen who is the lead! Read the story [here](#). It’s not just Wired taking notice, our account has close to 20,000 followers with hundreds joining every day. To see what all the buzz is about, follow the [Metro Instagram account](#).

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### **Procurement Postings**

#### Hoist Replacement at Divisions 8 and 18 (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Hoist Replacement at Divisions 8 and 18. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 2, 2016 through August 18, 2016.

Metro is seeking a contractor to provide the necessary labor, tools, material, equipment, transportation and related incidental costs to remove and replace six bus hoists at Divisions 8 and 18.

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.

#### Metro 2016 Disparity and Availability Study (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the services described below. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 2, 2016 through August 31, 2016.

Metro requires the services of a consultant firm/team that specializes in performing and/or conducting comprehensive and legally defensible disparity studies. The study to be conducted shall support Metro’s DBE programs, and will examine and identify whether discrimination or the effects of discrimination exist in the industries utilized by Metro.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Barbara A. Gatewood, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7317.

#### Fiplex Bi-Directional Amplifiers and Associated Equipment (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids to procure Fiplex Bi-Directional Amplifiers and Associated Equipment. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 3, 2016 through August 31, 2016.

This procurement is to provide radio equipment to enhance and improve the coverage of the Digital Rail Radio System in support of the Metro Gold and Green Line. Radio equipment to be purchased includes 160 Mhz Bi-Directional Amplifiers, Yagi Antennas, Radio Coax, along with “N” type connectors.

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.

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

Purple Line Extension Project: [Sidewalk Closure](#) -- Between Detroit Street and La Brea Avenue

- Design-builder closed the sidewalk on the south side of Wilshire Boulevard between Detroit Street and La Brea Avenue
- This work is necessary to support pre-trenching, pile installation, jet grouting and other work
- Work began Thursday, May 5 and will continue thru Friday, July 8, 2016
- Signage for pedestrian detours will be in place and the sidewalk on the north side will remain open.

[Lane Closures/Reductions](#) - Wilshire Boulevard and La Brea Avenue

- Jet grouting, piling and pile deliveries work will continue at Wilshire and La Brea.
- Work will take place Friday, June 3, thru Monday, June 6 with street closures between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Eastbound Wilshire directional closure between Detroit and La Brea. Thru traffic will be detoured at Fairfax. Local access maintained
- Northbound Detroit will be closed to thru traffic 100' south of Wilshire, Northbound La Brea will be reduced to one lane at Wilshire, Eastbound Wilshire will be reduced to one lane between Sycamore and Mansfield

Regional Connector Project: [Weekend Closures](#) -- at 1st Street and Alameda Street

- Full weekend closures at 1st Street and Alameda Street will take place over a period of 55 hours
- Closures are necessary to perform installation of piles and deck panels in preparation for Regional Connector tunnel construction and traffic reconfiguration
- Beginning Friday, June 3 at 9:00 p.m. through Monday, June 6 at 4:00 a.m. and will continue the following weekend.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All Construction Updates [here](#).

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*"There's no good idea that cannot be improved on."*

~Michael Eisner

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