

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### Release of Potential Ballot Measure Expenditure Plan

After months of public review and input on the Draft Potential Ballot Measure Expenditure Plan that was released in March 2016, Metro has released the final Expenditure Plan for the Metro Board of Directors' review and approval. Today, we held a media briefing to go over the details of this Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan funded by the proposed sales tax measure for the November 2016 ballot that will raise billions of dollars for Los Angeles County highway and transit projects, improvements to existing infrastructure and programs to facilitate transportation including bicycling and walking. This is the most comprehensive plan in the country and truly tackles the issues related to infrastructure needs.

The Metro Board of Directors will make a decision on Thursday, June 23, whether to place this transportation sales tax measure on the November ballot. A copy of the Metro Board report on the Potential Ballot Measure and Expenditure Plan is available on Metro's website [here](#).

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### Eno Center for Transportation 24th Annual Future Leaders Development Conference Dinner

Yesterday, I was in Washington DC to attend the Eno Center for Transportation's (Eno) 24th Annual Future Leaders Development Conference Fundraising Dinner. The conference convenes in Washington DC every

June and gives 20 of the nation's top graduate students in transportation a first-hand look at how national transportation policies are developed. I was happy to accept on behalf of Metro the *Wilbur S. Smith Friend of Eno Award*. Eno is a nonpartisan think-tank dedicated to shaping policy, fostering innovation and developing future transportation leaders. I have worked with this organization for a number of years advocating their leadership development programs.

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### **Meet the Buyers and Program Managers**

On Wednesday and Thursday, Metro and the Transportation Business Advisory Council (TBAC), hosted a Small Business Opportunities Expo entitled "Meet the Buyers and Project Managers". The annual event features Metro staff from every department and gives the small business community access to discuss firsthand, their business capabilities and possible future contracting opportunities. Most importantly, the event enables the business community to interact with our Metro family and with each other, to begin relationship building on the way to successful contracting opportunities. Day one featured a first-ever Metro matchmaking component where 50 certified businesses had 10 minute interviews with contract administrators or project managers. On day two, over 400 entrepreneurs registered to attend the Expo to speak with Metro staff who purchase goods and services. The Metro Small Business Prime program has spurred renewed interest and excitement among small businesses. SB Prime is a key component to our MetroConnect outreach to small businesses. There are many other new initiatives in place as well.

A panel discussion during the welcome program featured Senior Executives from Communications, General Services, Environmental Sustainability and Countywide Planning. I want thank Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins and Interim Executive Director of Vendor/Contract Management Ivan page for the welcoming remarks and thanks to Pauletta Tonillas, Steve Jaffe, Cris Liban and Therese McMillan for the insights they shared. This event and others like it throughout the year, have established our agency's reputation as a leader in small business inclusion. Job well done, Metro Diversity & Economic Opportunity Department.

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### **Denim Jeans in the Workplace**

I appreciate everyone's hard work and all the accomplishments we are achieving here at Metro. As a way of taking a breath at the end of each month, I would like to announce that we are easing the dress code on the last Friday of each month by allowing you to wear denim jeans if you wish.

Denim jeans must be in compliance with all safety rules and be of conservative cut, fit and color. Employees who must meet with public officials, external clients, or provide in-person customer service must maintain their standard professional appearance; and those in any job classification in which a uniform is required to perform regular duties must follow the normal dress code, per their respective collective bargaining agreement.

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### **Artist Sam Pace Signing Leimert Park Posters for Juneteenth Celebrations**

In Celebration of Juneteenth 2016 the Metro African American Employees Association (AAEA) in association with Metro Art present guest artist Sam Pace, who will be signing free copies of his "Leimert Park" commemorative poster. The poster signing will take place on Thursday, June 16 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Metro Gateway Headquarters Building, Huntington Room.

In the tradition of celebrating transportation through colorful travel destination posters, Metro Art commissions a diverse range of Los Angeles artists to create original artworks for the “Through the Eyes of Artists” poster series. The purpose of the award-winning series is to increase ridership by encouraging the public to access the Metro system and enjoy traveling to the many neighborhoods within Los Angeles County. Established in 2003, the posters are displayed on board Metro trains and buses. Posters to be released this year include Monterey Park, West Hollywood, La Canada Flintridge, San Pedro and Eagle Rock.

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## Procurement Postings

### Metro Leadership Academy (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop a Leadership Academy whose purpose is to promote and advance employee engagement at various leadership levels. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will not apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, June 13, 2016 through Monday, August 8, 2016.

Metro is seeking services from an experienced educator for the purpose of developing leadership curriculum and the implementation thereof.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Marc Margoni, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1304.

### Program Support Consultant (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services of a Program Support Consultant to assist in the development and implementation of construction management best practices to improve delivery of Metro’s Capital Program. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 17, 2016 through August 31, 2016.

The Program Support Consultant shall assist Metro Senior Program Management staff in bringing a focused effort to implement positive changes.

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.

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

Metro Regional Connector Project: [Full 55-hour Weekend Closure](#) -- 1st St/Alameda St

- There will be a full closure at 1st Street and Alameda Street in Little Tokyo over a 55-hour period.
- Closure is necessary to perform installation of piles and deck panels in preparation for Regional Connector tunnel construction.
- Starting Friday, June 10 at 9:00 p.m. through Monday, June 13 at 4:00 a.m. - this schedule will repeat the following two weekends as well.

Metro Purple Line Extension Project: [Full Closure Wilshire Boulevard](#) -- Between Detroit St. and La Brea Ave

- The design-builder will implement a full closure to install concrete decks.
- Work begins Friday, June 10 at 8:00 p.m. until Monday, June 13 at 6:00 a.m.
- Signs will be in place for pedestrian detours and traffic control officers will be assisting pedestrians.

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

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"The main thing is to make history, not to write it."

~Otto von Bismarck

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