

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### **Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce Welcomes Chief Vendor/Contract Management Officer**

On Wednesday, I attended a celebratory reception for new Metro Chief Vendor/Contract Management Officer Debra Avila hosted by the Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce (LALCC). This was a great event that took place at the City Club of Los Angeles. Thank you to LALCC CEO Theresa Martinez, LALCC Chairman Gilbert Vasquez and the other various associations involved in producing this reception.

Born and raised here in LA County, Debra Avila is a seasoned senior supply chain and procurement professional with more than 25 years of experience in the industry, primarily at Southern California Edison. I am happy to have Debra on the Metro Senior Leadership Team and look forward to seeing her succeed in her new role here at LA Metro.

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### **MSRC/Metro Dodgers Night: Celebrating Dodger Stadium Express**

I hope many of you were able to attend the annual Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC)/Metro Dodger Night celebrating the successful Dodger Stadium Express (DSE). Those in attendance were able to join in some pregame festivities including walking onto the outfield for recognition and receiving a Metro DSE T-shirt. Hearing Randy Newman's "I Love LA" due to the Dodgers win may have been the perfect finishing touch on the evening. Congrats to the Dodgers on the win – they just might run into my Cubs in the playoffs.

You can connect with the DSE at Union Station or at one of five transitway stations in the South Bay. The

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DSE service from Union Station and the South Bay are free with a game-day ticket. Click here for Dodger Stadium Express information. The DSE is a joint demonstration project made possible by Clean Transportation Funding from MSRC and Metro ExpressLanes. By using the Stadium Express, you're helping to bring cleaner air to our community by reducing traffic in Los Angeles County.

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### **Message to Staff on the Anniversary of 9/11**

As we approach the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks against our nation, it is vital for all employees to maintain a high state of vigilance. *If you see something, say something.* Employees should report any unusual observations/incidents to their supervisor, Metro security or Metro's Los Angeles County Sheriff's team (LASD). At this time, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has not identified any specific, credible threats in our area but please remain vigilant - If you see something, say something.

#### What is our current security focus?

- Recent incidents in Paris, San Bernardino, Belgium and Orlando indicate an emerging pattern of terrorist- inspired acts in lieu of terrorist-directed acts. In essence – “lone wolves” acting independent of the command, control and funding associated with known international terrorist organizations.
- This shift creates a more dynamic threat.
- The recommended strategy is to maintain a high state of vigilance and continue multiagency information sharing.

#### What is Metro doing about it?

- In addition to our coordination with LASD, Metro remains in close contact with state and federal law enforcement and intelligence organizations.
- We are members of the DHS/TSA sponsored Peer Advisory Group (PAG). All of the nation's large transit agencies participate. Our next meeting will be held on October 4 and October 5, 2016.
- Metro works directly with DHS's Visible Intermodal Prevention & Response Team (VIPR) to conduct intelligence driven high visibility patrols of the region's transit network.
- We recently completed a major enhancement to our video surveillance system. In the coming months we will be able to monitor our network in real-time, 24/7.
- Metro conducts ongoing emergency drills and full scale exercises.
- Ongoing promotion of the "TransitWatch" app that lets transit riders essentially - See Something, Say Something.
- Ongoing efforts to increase the system-wide visibility of Metro's security and law enforcement teams.

This is also a great time for leaders to meet with their teams to discuss general security awareness.

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### **Metro Launches "Off Peak" Podcast**

I am pleased to announce that Metro will be launching an innovative "Off Peak" podcast uncovering Los Angeles' untold transportation stories. A first for a transit agency, Metro's "Off Peak" podcast celebrates the intriguing stories that happen between Point A and Point B with a pilot mini-season launching this Sunday, September 11, 2016.

Challenging the traditional car-centric narrative of Southern California, Metro is sponsoring a story-driven podcast that explores the rich history and future of rail, bus, cycling, walking and all manners of getting around in LA. In "True Tales from Bus Drivers," listeners get a front-row seat to the twists and turns of maneuvering a 40-foot bus through Los Angeles. From nerve-wracking first days, getting lost en route,

sexism, homelessness and the passengers that make it all worth it, Metro bus drivers are the modern Zen masters of the streets. During "Night Owl" two reporters ride Los Angeles' century-old, yet hardly publicized 24-hour bus service. Started on the electric streetcars in 1906, the Owl service is a lifeline for restaurant workers, security guards, club kids, and often the last bastion of safety for the city's homeless. "Off Peak" will be available at [metro.net/offpeak](http://metro.net/offpeak) and on iTunes with new episodes available every other week.

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## **Procurement Postings**

### S. Pasadena Station ADA Concrete Ramp and Universal City Station Knock Out Panel Installation (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure the construction an ADA compliant ramp at the Pasadena Station of the Metro Gold Line and a knock out panel at the Metro Red Line Universal Station. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from October 13, 2016 through November 18, 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. The knock out panel at the Metro Red Line Universal Station will provide a closure wall to the existing knock out panel.

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

### Highway Program Intelligent Transportation Systems On-Call Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a qualified engineering firm to provide a broad range of on-call professional engineering (A&E) services in the area of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, September 14, 2016 through Monday, January 30, 2017.

This RFP is for on-call professional services including project management and administration services, ITS engineering services, and ITS development services.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by David Chia, Principal Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1064.

### Bus Batteries (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure bus batteries. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, September 13, 2016 through Friday, January 6, 2017.

This procurement is for the purchase of bus batteries which are needed to maintain the fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. 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.

### Various Bus Filters (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure various bus filters. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, September 14, 2016 through Friday, January 6, 2017.

This procurement is for the purchase of various bus filters used to support the mechanics route bus maintenance in order to avoid any disruption in service. 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.

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

Metro Purple Line Extension: [Weekend Construction Activities](#) -- Decking Work and Jet Grouting

- Jet grouting at Wilshire Blvd/Orange Dr. will proceed in coordination with decking under the full closure in the Wilshire/La Brea area.
- Dewatering well installation work at Wilshire Blvd/Detroit will occur Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

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“Don't fight the problem, decide it.”

~George C. Marshall

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