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### **Working Towards Consensus at Metro Mayor's Roundtable**

This morning, as part of our ongoing effort to strengthen Metro's relationship with the 88 cities, we hosted our semi-annual Mayor's Roundtable at the Union Station Ticketing Hall. Both Metro Board Chair and Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Duarte John Fasana and Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti delivered opening remarks focusing on the themes of building consensus and working across party lines. Key senior leadership team members then served on a short panel to speak on topics ranging from the Measure M Guidelines to safety and security, before engaging in a Q & A with the audience. Each city was invited to designate their Mayor and an additional representative to be part of the roundtable on a regular basis and we had a strong showing of elected officials committed to working together to advance LA County's mobility agenda.



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### **Metro Makes Significant Energy Difference**

On Thursday, Dr. Cris B. Liban and Evan Rosenberg of the Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Department, received the 2017 Sustainability Award from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) on behalf of our agency. Metro was recognized for shifting up to three megawatts of electricity consumption away from peak hours, during the summer months, without impacting Metro operations. This action consisted of more than 10% of the total energy shifted throughout the Summer. LADWP's SummerShift program was developed to reduce the impact of the Aliso Canyon natural gas incident on regional energy use here in Los Angeles; which in turn significantly reduced the risk of electricity outages and potential impacts to our services.

This effort is a win for our agency and all of our stakeholders and is an example of how Metro touches the lives of every single Angeleno in many different ways. I applaud all of our staff involved in this initiative, which exemplifies the role Metro plays in promoting energy resilience in Los Angeles.

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### **"Harriet" the Tunnel Boring Machine's Final Breakthrough**

Thursday morning, Harriet, the tunnel boring machine that has been hard at work digging the two rail tunnels for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit project, broke through at the future Leimert Park station for the last time. The first rail tunnel was completed last year and then Harriet was taken apart and reassembled to dig the second tunnel from North to South — starting at the future Expo/Crenshaw Station and then making her way toward Leimert Park. In total, Harriet excavated about 60 feet per day and removed 144,250 cubic yards of soil for the second tunnel, with a crew of 75 workers manning the tunnel boring machine over three shifts, five days per week. This marks a significant milestone for the project team and later this month we plan to formally celebrate Harriet's retirement with a press event.



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## Policy Advisory Council Kicks-Off

On Wednesday, we were pleased to welcome everyone to the first meeting of our new Policy Advisory Council (PAC) that will advise the Board on the Measure M Guidelines and eventually the Long Range Transportation Plan. The Council is comprised of an equal number of representatives for consumers, providers and responsible jurisdictions. The meeting was well attended and lively with our Chief Planning Officer Therese McMillan leading a discussion on the roles and responsibilities of the PAC as they move forward in advising the Metro Board on important agency efforts. Initially, the PAC will convene to review and comment on the draft Measure M Guidelines during the Board approved public review period, which is occurring now through the end of May. Their next assignment will be to participate in the development of the new Long Range Transportation Plan. I was pleased to learn that the group is organizing quickly to accomplish their immediate tasks.

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## Procurement Postings

### Additive Manufacturing Equipment (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. DR38764 to procure Additive Manufacturing Equipment. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, April 7, 2017 through Thursday, August 31, 2017.

The purpose of the project is to provide Additive Manufacturing Equipment for Metro's Central Maintenance Facility. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Edmund Gonzales, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3073.

### Vendor/Contract Management Opportunity Assessment (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals to procure the services of a consultant to provide an assessment of the current state of all Vendor/Contract Management practices and procedures and based upon the results provide opportunities for improvements. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, April 12, 2017 through Thursday, May 25, 2017.

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

### Purple Line Extension Section 3 Project, Construction Management Support Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Purple Line Extension Section 3 Project Construction Management Support Services Contract. The Contract is for the construction management support services for the heavy rail transit project that will extend the existing Purple Line from its future terminus at Century City Constellation Station to a new Westwood/VA Hospital Station. The extension will

be approximately 2.59 miles and will include a total of two (2) new stations: Westwood/UCLA and Westwood/VA Hospital. The procurement blackout period is from April 10, 2017 through October 6, 2017.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Dianne Sirisut, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2737.

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### **Construction Notices: Purple Line Extension Project, I-5**

[Purple Line Extension Project: Weekend Wilshire Blvd Full Closure - Fairfax Ave. - Spaulding Ave.](#)

Beginning Friday, April 7 at 8pm through Monday, April 10 at 6am, there will be a full closure of Wilshire Blvd. from Fairfax Ave. to Spaulding Ave. to support the start of the Fairfax decking operation.

Driving detours and bus detours have been updated, please view the [full notice online](#).

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

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"The test and the use of man's education is that he finds pleasure in the exercise of his mind."

-Jacques Barzun

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