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Small Business Lunch and Learn Series

Today, I joined Metro Chief Innovation Officer Joshua Schank to close out a weeklong series of small business lunch and learn lectures hosted by Metro's Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department. Today's lecture was titled "Public Private Partnerships and You" where guests listened in to learn about what a public private partnership is, how it works, and how they can prepare themselves to work in this new paradigm.

Since Monday, over 400 small businesses attended these lectures enjoyed small interactive discussions of Metro Programs and Metro Connect opportunities. Other Metro Executives, staff and special guests shared their experiences and insight on how small businesses and Metro can work together. These sessions are invaluable for Metro and our partners, and I thank all the Metro staff involved in this week's events.

Metro Faith Leaders Advisory Council Meeting

Yesterday, I joined Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Mark Ridley-Thomas, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker and Metro staff to participate in a Metro Faith Leaders Advisory Council meeting here in Los Angeles. More than 40 faith leaders from South LA attended the event to learn about and provide feedback on a multitude of transportation initiatives and programs currently underway at Metro. Topics discussed included a status report on Measure M, an update on Metro's Strategic Plan, information on Metro's new law enforcement approach and an introduction of the Workforce Initiative Now

(WIN-LA) Program.



On The Move Riders Program Hold 5th Annual Travel Buddy Luncheon

Also Yesterday, Metro's on the Move Riders Program hosted their 5th Annual Travel Buddies Luncheon here at Gateway Plaza. The event honored 47 travel buddies throughout Los Angeles County for their continued volunteer efforts in public transit related peer-to-peer training. These volunteers have trained hundreds of older adults by taking them on a combined total of 164 trips. Special guest speakers included Metro Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Stephanie Wiggins and AARP's Associate State Director of Community, Stephanie Ramirez. The Travel Buddies were also invited to tour the 25th floor at Gateway to check out the views of Los Angeles, and I had the opportunity to greet a few of the Buddies.

On the Move Riders Program was established in 2012 as a peer-to-peer travel training program designed to encourage older adults to learn how to safely and independently travel on fixed route transit. Through group trips and one-on-one sessions, the program establishes travel clubs of both experienced transit users (Travel Buddies) and less experienced riders who travel together to a variety of destinations throughout Los Angeles County using public transportation. There are currently 32 clubs throughout the County.



It's In Our Hands: Safety Week 2017

Another successful Annual Safety Week is in the books for the building and construction industry. Earlier this week, I joined Metro Chief Risk, Safety and Asset Management Officer Greg Kildare and the entire

Walsh Shea Corridor Constructors team of about 750 construction workers for a Safety Week luncheon. We shared a meal to celebrate construction Safety Week to encourage and remind everyone working or visiting our jobsites to be conscientious and aware of hazards and always think 'Safety First.' Metro always insists on a Safety First culture for our vendors and contractors.

This year, we spotlighted the importance of preventing hand injuries. A hand injury can impact not only a workers ability to perform their job, but also their daily routines. According to government and industry statistics, hand injuries represent nearly one-third of all reported workplace incidents and approximately 75 percent of industrial injuries that cause partial disability involve the hands. Therefore, we strongly reminded workers that they are the key to hand injury prevention. Hand injuries are preventable; but, require a commitment to safety and attention to hazards. Metro wants to ensure all workers on our jobsites go home to their families safely at the end of each day.



Link Union Station Team Updates William Meade Homes Residents

This past Saturday, Metro briefed residents of the William Meade Homes (WMH) about the Link Union Station (Link US) study at a meeting cohosted by the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles City Council Member Gil Cedillo. WMH are located about one mile north of Union Station, immediately adjacent to existing regional rail tracks where we are working to environmentally clear adequate space to accommodate future High Speed Rail (HSR). There could be some property impacts to WMH if HSR were to come to Union Station as it could require movement of the tracks closer to WMH. Councilmember Cedillo provided introductory remarks stressing that Metro staff needed to listen to the questions and concerns from the residents.

Following an overview of the project, residents broke into smaller groups to speak with project staff about their questions, concerns, and hopes for the project. Planning staff from the City of Los Angeles were also in attendance and participated in the listening session. Approximately 60 residents attended the meeting and appreciated the opportunity to learn more about Link US and have their concerns heard by the Metro team. These issues will be evaluated in the Draft EIS/EIR for the project.



The Train to Prom is Much More Fashionable than a Limo

Students are truly adapting with the times. With population increasing, traffic constantly stopped, and automobile emissions polluting the region, high school students in southern California have opted to Go Metro to their prom dances. This past weekend, Metro partnered with Metrolink to provide train service for Golden Valley High School's prom. The group of about 600 guests comprised of students, chaperones, teachers and school police departed Santa Clarita Metrolink Station to arrive at Los Angeles Union Station where they transferred to the Metro Red Line to Hollywood. The school's contact working with Metro was very pleased with our security and service and confirmed the students agreed. A poll taken showed unanimous support by students for taking the train over any other transportation option available. Also noteworthy, A.B. Miller High School students rode Metrolink from the Fontana Station to Union Station where their prom was held.

This was a display of excellent communication between Metro Operations, Transit Security and our Metrolink partners. There was coverage of these great stories in various popular blogs as well as in [LA Times](#). Great job and many thanks to all those involved in the planning and execution of this memorable experience for local students.

Metro Features Success of Small Business Pilot Programs: BIF and BSC

Metro launched two innovative pilot small business programs in 2015, the Business Interruption Fund (BIF) and the Crenshaw/LAX Business Solution Center (BSC); and in celebration of National Small Business Week, Metro released a report featuring the accomplishments these programs have achieved. The BIF and BSC programs continue to be a demonstration of Metro's ongoing commitment to support small businesses during transit rail construction. Recognizing that small businesses are vital to the economic stability of our communities, it is the agency's goal to support small "mom and pop" businesses to help ensure they continue to thrive in their communities as Metro builds for the future.

The positive impacts of Metro's pilot small business programs are best summarized by the small business owners. To experience the voices of the small business owners who have benefited from the resources provided through the pilot programs, and to learn about the accomplishments these programs have brought to the communities impacted by Metro construction, view the report [here](#). To watch the video of a business owner's personal testimony as captured on Metro Motion and featured on The Source, click [here](#).

To continue to stay informed about Metro's BIF and BSC's efforts and accomplishments in supporting our small business communities visit metro.net/bif and metrobsc.net/crenshaw.



Procurement Postings

Outreach for Sepulveda Pass Transit Feasibility Study and Technical Compendium (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a qualified public outreach firm to facilitate and support community participation in the development of Metro's Sepulveda Pass Transit Feasibility Study and Technical Compendium. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, May 9, 2017 through Thursday, September 7, 2017.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified firm to develop and lead the Community Outreach Plan and coordinate closely with the Technical Contractor in order to conform to the public participation requirements of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lily Lopez, Contract Administration Manager at (213) 922-4639.

CNG Upgrades at Various Divisions (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure the construction services necessary for the design and construction of the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) System Upgrade Project at Various Divisions (D/B). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, May 8, 2017 to Monday July 24, 2017.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Wonder E. Van Twist, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7325.

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

Regional Connector Transit Project: Restricted Traffic -- Flower St. between 4th St. and 5th St.

Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) will continue cut and cover activities on Flower St. between 4th St. and 5th St. This activity requires thru traffic be restricted on Flower St. from 3rd St. to 5th St.

Work will begin Friday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. through Monday, May 8 at 5:00 a.m.

Purple Line Extension Transit Project: Full Closure -- Wilshire and Fairfax Intersection

Beginning Friday, May 5 at 8:00 p.m. through Monday, May 8, at 6:00 a.m. there will be a full closure of

the Wilshire/Fairfax intersection for street decking construction. This closure extends from 6th St. to 8th St. on Fairfax Ave. and from Crescent Heights Blvd. to Spaulding Ave. on Wilshire Blvd.

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

"Among individuals, as among nations, respect for the rights of others is peace."

- Benito Juarez

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