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Governing Magazine's Summit on Infrastructure & Public-Private Partnerships

On Tuesday, I joined infrastructure professionals from around the country in both the public and private sector to deliver a Keynote Address at Governing Magazine's 2nd Annual Summit on Infrastructure & Public-Private Partnerships in Marina Del Rey. I took the opportunity to provide a quick look into the transparent bottoms-up process leading into the passage of Measure M and what the new transportation sales tax means to our region. I informed them of the infrastructure "vacation" and lack of maintenance that has taken place over the past few decades and how that has led to a massive need for funding and attention, ultimately setting the stage for a huge economic opportunity for both the public and private sectors.

As Metro invests in transportation infrastructure, we look to treat public transport as an integrated part of all public policy and as a socio-economic enabler. Our projects need the local workforce to build these projects, and then more to operate and maintain this work. Of course, none of this happens without a trained, skilled and educated workforce which is why Metro remains committed to partnering with local trades and colleges to train workers for these jobs and go further by proposing an infrastructure school for grades six through twelve to begin preparing our youth for the many opportunities Metro and our partners will have in this industry. Although there are plenty of projects we will see and use in our lifetime, many are being built for our children. I believe history will judge our generation's efforts around infrastructure and with the work we are all doing now, we will not let the future generation down.

Accessing Education and Building Transit Riders of the Future

In regards to mobility and transportation infrastructure projects in LA County, we ask ourselves, what are we trying to achieve? There is certainly more to transit projects than combating traffic congestion and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. There is a direct link between social mobility and physical mobility that Metro plays a key role in. We received a testimony about this just this week. Fifth grade teacher Ms. Edith Spang wrote Metro to thank us for providing that link to the museums, exhibits and fun educational field trips for students who may otherwise never have these opportunities at home. Ms. Spang was referring to our Metro Student Field Trip Program excellently led by Director of Community Education Jennifer Arndt and Manager Jacqueline Gonzalez. Here is what Ms. Spang wrote to tell us:

Over the summer, I arrange field trips for my students, and without the Metro program, none of them would happen.

As you probably know, our school is high poverty and the kids' parents are usually working two jobs and still struggling to make ends meet. There's not a lot of time in their lives to expose their kids to art museums, historical sites, science centers, and aquaria. Field trips allow us teachers to provide those experiences, but we get transportation for ONE trip a year through the LAUSD funds. Thanks to the Metro program, we can go on an educational trip about once every six weeks.

The trips add so much to the regular curriculum. For example, this past year, our fourth graders got to experience the technology of the Gold Rush through the Wells Fargo Museum. What they'd read in Social Studies came alive for them, seeing the telegraph, the stage coach, reading the exhibits about different gold extraction methods, and seeing the actual tools used. Textbooks teach, but drily. Trips teach, always with interaction and fun.

Many of our kids had never used the train before, but after a couple of trips, they felt like pros. They came to school crowing about how they taught their parents how to use the train, fill the TAP card, and how to read the maps. You've got lifelong customers now!

So, thank you very much for adding to the lives of our students and creating a level of depth and meaning to the curriculum that would be otherwise impossible. You all are the greatest, and you're making the city of Los Angeles a better place by enriching the education of its students.

Older Adult Transportation Pop-Up Event in Long Beach

On Tuesday, Metro hosted an Older Adult Transportation pop-up event at the California Recreation Center in Long Beach. This pop-up idea came about from last year's popular well-attended Older Adult Transportation Expo that took place at Los Angeles Union Station. Programming included services geared to the older adult audience with presentations on how to apply for Senior TAP cards and how to get involved in the growing On The Move Riders Club. A special thanks to our partners at Long Beach Transit for joining us in assisting our older adult community with their mobility needs.



First Day of the Transportation Career Academy Program (TCAP)

On Monday, the Transportation Career Academy Program (TCAP) kicked off its 20th year at Metro. One hundred and five high school interns arrived early in the morning to the Metro Headquarters Building excited to begin their first day of work. The interns' day consisted of an orientation including an icebreaker activity and a team building game.

Senior Director of Strategic & Organizational Planning Marion J. Colston began the orientation by congratulating the interns for their acceptance into the program and for joining a long legacy of TCAP alumni. Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins welcomed the interns and provided words of encouragement. Stephanie reinforced that many of Metro's full-time employees started their careers as interns. I'd like to personally welcome all the TCAP interns to Metro and I hope you work hard and enjoy your time here at the agency.



Five Metro Public Scoping Meetings Held for West Santa Ana Branch Project

On Saturday, June 24, Metro completed the last of five Public Scoping Meetings as we begin the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) process for the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project. At each meeting, the public had an opportunity to review project concepts

and provide input with a total of 80 comments received.

A total of 277 people attended these meetings including Metro Directors Hahn, Solis and Garcia; South Gate Mayor Maria Davila, Vernon Mayor Melissa Ybarra and Maywood Mayor Ramon Medina; Huntington Park Vice Mayor Johnny Pineda ; and Bellflower Council Member Juan Garza Huntington Park Council Members Graciela Ortiz and Karina Macias. Staff from the offices of U.S. Representatives Roybal-Allard, Sanchez, and Barragan; State Senator Mendoza; Assembly Speaker Rendon; city staff from the cities of Bellflower, Commerce, Downey, Huntington Park, Los Angeles, Maywood, Paramount, South Gate and Vernon; and representatives from the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Eco-Rapid Joint Powers Authority were also in attendance. Members from three Business Improvement Districts in the Little Tokyo and Arts District areas also attended, as well as four media outlets: Patch in Paramount; Rafu Shimpo; LA Streets Blog; and The Wave Newspaper.

Metro has extended the official scoping comment period from 30 to 60 days, with the scoping period concluding on Friday, August 4. This will allow more time for interested stakeholders and the general public to review project information and provide us their feedback. A copy of the scoping meeting presentation can be found [here](#) and details for providing public comment can be found [here](#).



Procurement Postings

Metro Violence Prevention Program (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure expert consulting services within the field of workplace violence prevention. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, July 5, 2017 through Monday, October 2, 2017.

Metro is seeking a contractor to provide professional workplace violence psychological assessment, case management, and consulting service to Metro management and members of the Threat Management Team.

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

Division 2 Transportation Building Roof Replacement (IFB)

Metro will re-release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) Friday, June 30, 2017, for Division 2 Transportation Building Roof Replacement per specifications on file at the Office of Procurement, 1 Gateway Plaza (9th Floor), Los Angeles, CA 90012. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 30, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

Metro is seeking a contractor to replace the roofing system at the Division 2 Transportation Building,

located at 720 East 15th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Josie Mellen, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1105

Construction Notices: I-5

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

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