

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### CEO All Hands Meeting

Please join me, this coming Wednesday, August 9 in the Board Room of Metro's Headquarters Gateway Building for an all hands meeting at 9:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend, the meeting will be broadcast to the divisions and available to listen to by dialing x2-6045, or view via live stream by clicking [here](#).

The Metro Pop-Up Shop will be open in the third floor lobby just past the cafeteria immediately following the All Hands Meeting. The shop sells model buses, clothing and other Metro-branded merchandise to employees at a 10% discount.

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### Metro Community Education at National Night Out Events

On Tuesday, Metro Community Education (MCE) participated in several National Night Out Events along the Metro Blue, Gold and Expo Lines. National Night Out, which started in 1984, is an annual community-building campaign promoting partnerships with law enforcement and the communities they serve.

MCE staff encouraged safety on Metro by passing out pedestrian, vehicle and bike safety information as well as talking to families about how to travel safely on buses and trains. In addition to Metro, the events also included information tables from non-profit organizations, law enforcement, schools, hospitals/clinics, and local businesses.

About 5,000 residents attended the seven community events that Metro participated in. The event locations included East LA Civic Center, Rio De Los Angeles State Park, Target in Azusa, Duarte's Encanto Park, Kenneth Hahn Shopping Center in South Los Angeles, and Reed and Clover Parks in Santa Monica.

Despite inclement weather including rain and thunder at some locations, Metro staff enjoyed talking with

local community members and providing them with a better understanding of the various benefits of riding Metro. Metro's objective in participating in these types of events is to help contribute to making the neighborhoods we serve a safer and pleasant place to live.



### **Ride the Waterfront with Metro Port of L.A. Bike Share**

On Monday, I joined Metro Board Member and Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds, Port of L.A. representatives and other local community members for a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially launch the Metro Port of Los Angeles Bike Share. Metro's contractor, Bicycle Transit Systems, Inc., has installed 13 Metro Bike Share stations and 120 bikes at key waterfront locations including Fanfare Fountains at Gateway Plaza, the Battleship Iowa, the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, the Catalina Sea and Air Terminal, the Downtown Harbor, Wilmington Waterfront Park, Ports O' Call Village and more.

Bikeshare is an important mobility tool that will improve access to waterfront destinations and give visitors and locals the option to pedal their way around the community. The L.A. Waterfront, just 30 minutes from downtown Los Angeles and an hour to Catalina Island, is an increasingly popular destination, with two million visitors last year. The Port of L.A. launch is part of a second phase for Metro's Bike Share Program to expand the bike share network beyond downtown Los Angeles. A bike share launch in Venice is planned later this summer. The region's bike share expansions combined will result in approximately 1,400 bicycles at up to 125 stations.



### **Metro and Caltrans Host Public Meetings on I-5 Improvements in North County**

Last week, Metro and Caltrans held two public meetings in the North County to update the community about the capacity enhancements along the I-5 freeway in Santa Clarita and Castaic from the SR-14 interchange to Parker Rd. The enhancements include the addition of HOV (carpool) lanes, extension of northbound truck lane from Gavin Canyon undercrossing to Calgrove BI off-ramp, addition of southbound truck lane from Calgrove BI on-ramp to SR-14, and addition of auxiliary lanes (additional outside lanes extending between an on-ramp and a subsequent off-ramp). The new 14-mile HOV lanes in both directions would extend existing carpool lanes on the I-5 in San Fernando Valley to Santa Clarita Valley.

Soundwalls and other improvements were of much interest to the community. The project will build 2.5 miles of soundwalls. The project team presented noise monitoring results and provided updates on proposed soundwall locations. Eligible soundwall construction is based on a set of reasonable and feasible criteria established by code. Questions from residents focused on noise, soundwall locations, aesthetics, construction timeline and potential traffic impacts during construction. Over 40 people attended the meetings that were held in Calgrove and Castaic.

Additional project information can be found at [metro.net/i-5-enhancements](http://metro.net/i-5-enhancements).



## Meet the Buyers: Innovation, Information and Inspiration

Last week, Metro hosted our annual Meet the Buyers and Program Managers event, co-hosted with our Transportation Business Advisory Committee. The event, entitled “Innovation, Information and Inspiration” was well received. The Board Room was filled to capacity with entrepreneurs eager to learn about Metro's future plans and exciting new programs. A panel of Vendor/Contract Management Executive Officers discussed the work they do and the things they want small businesses to know when seeking contracts with Metro. The advice ranged from “find the unique niche you can fulfill” to “please take the time to sign your documents and be aware of the documentation required by a public agency”. Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) presented an in-depth look at Small Business programs, and our Environmental Programs spoke on a theme of “Do you know why Money is GREEN at Metro?”

I would like to thank DEOD and all the Departments that helped make this networking event one that serves our public well.

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## Procurement Postings

### State Legislative Advocacy Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals RFP to procure advocacy services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, August 10, 2017 through Thursday, November 30, 2017.

Metro is seeking the services of a consultant(s) to provide State government (Sacramento-based) advocacy services.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Victor Zepeda, Contract Administrator at [zepedav@metro.net](mailto:zepedav@metro.net).

### High Speed/Volume Copiers (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking to lease equipment for its Copy Center from a Contractor. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, August 10, 2017 through Friday, December 1, 2017.

The Contractor will be responsible for furnishing, at no additional cost, technical support, repair services by factory trained personnel, maintenance (including all preventative services), initial and on-going training (including, but not limited, to Advanced Server and Color Management Training), applicable software and software licenses, hardware and hardware retrofits, equipment relocation/moving services, and all supplies (except paper/print media) throughout the term of the Contract.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Rommel Hilario, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4654.

Transportation School Consulting Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the services of a Contractor to evaluate the feasibility of providing a countywide primary children's educational and vocational training program. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, August 4, 2017 through Thursday, November 2, 2017.

Metro is seeking to implement innovative practices to ensure the successful transition of youth into career pathways through a program that improves educational and skill competencies through a training curriculum that can be implemented in collaboration with an education provider to support current & future talent pipelines.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ana Rodriguez, Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 922-1076.

RedSeal Software and Support Services (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure RedSeal software and support services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, August 8, 2017 through Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

Metro is seeking the services of a vendor to provide RedSeal Licenses (renewal) and Support Services.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Victor Zepeda, Contract Administrator at zepedav@metro.net.

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**Construction Notices: Gold Line, I-5**

Metro Gold Line: Limited Rail Service -- Between Southwest Museum and Fillmore Station

Due to track maintenance and landscaping on the Metro Gold Line, there will be limited train service between Southwest Museum and Fillmore Station on Saturday, August 5 and Sunday, August 6. Starting at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day, trains will share one track and are slated to run every 30 minutes between Southwest Museum and Fillmore Station. For the remainder of the Gold Line, train arrival times will vary between 10 to 20 minutes. For more details click the underlined title above.

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

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"Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them."

- A. A. Milne

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