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Metro Mayors Roundtable Meeting

Mayors and Councilmembers from 45 Los Angeles County cities joined Metro Chair and City of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and I on Friday in the Union Station Ticketing Concourse for our latest Metro Mayors Roundtable. I provided a brief overview of our progress to implement Measure M including the status of our current construction projects. I also discussed the coming update of the Long Range Transportation Plan and our NextGen Bus Study to reimagine our bus network assuring the group that each effort would involve robust public outreach and our intention to listen to the people we serve. Other issues I discussed included our role as a socioeconomic enabler for the region, our efforts to influence affordable housing and minimize displacement, and creating jobs for the region and careers through WIN LA, developing a transportation school and our Women and Girls Program.

Chair Garcetti discussed a variety of topics including issues related to the potential repeal of SB 1, possible impacts of tax legislation and infrastructure funding proposals in Washington DC, and the twenty-eight by 28 initiative. He and I engaged in a robust Q&A session with the attendees where we heard about their project priorities, questions about flexibility for use of local return funds and a variety of other issues.

These Roundtable meetings have proven to be valuable toward building and strengthening our relationships with the 88 cities in Los Angeles County and we hope to be able to hold two more before the end of the fiscal year. I would like to thank all of our Mayors and City officials for their time, our Local Government and External Affairs team in Community Relations as well as our Public Relations Special Event staff for their efforts to make this a very successful event.



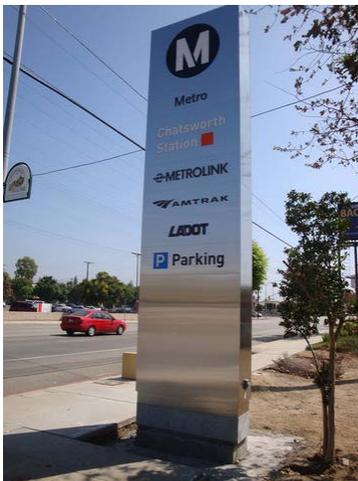
Award for Metro's Supportive Transit Parking Management Program

I would like to congratulate our entire parking management unit as the Supportive Transit Parking Program (STPP) was recently recognized as the Public Parking Program of the year by the California Public Parking Association.

The development of our STPP Master Plan is approaching completion and we will be asking the Board to adopt it in January 2018. This comprehensive parking program uses a fee-based model and innovative parking solutions intended to ensure parking resources are available for transit patrons. We have a significant investment in both capital and land for our parking facilities that must be managed to not only maximize utilization, but also to enhance the Metro customer service experience. The Master Plan includes a 10-year Parking Implementation Plan, Long Range Parking Planning Program and Partnership with cities program.

As part of the newly developed program, Metro will continue to implement daily and monthly parking pricing at stations to better manage supply and demand of parking. Over the last year, Metro has implemented parking pricing at 11 stations as part of this program. In the future, the Master Plan recommends charging for parking at any station with 70 percent or more occupancy. Thus far, Metro has found that pricing allows parking spaces to be available at all hours of the day.

Through this newly developed parking program Metro will continue to address issues from the past, manage its current parking resources and continue a forward thinking approach.



Excellent Results for Management Audit Services Peer Review

Management Audit Services recently completed a successful external quality assurance review (peer review) for the three-year period ending June 30, 2017. I am pleased to report that once again the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) Peer Review Team concluded that Metro Management Audit Services fully complies with Institute of Internal Auditors (Red Book) and with Comptroller General of the United States (Yellow book) standards and practices.

This designation is quite an honor as only a handful of local government audit organizations across the country have successfully completed a dual standards peer review. The peer review team, comprised of highly qualified audit professionals from across the country, certified that they are free from personal, external and organizational impairments to independence. They evaluated our Management Audit Services' quality control system, audit and consulting engagements process, staff qualifications, development and training, as well as the audit follow-up process. Receiving this distinction is solely due to the passion and professionalism of our audit team and I want to thank them for doing an incredible job here at Metro.



Angeli Breaks Through at the Grand Avenue Arts/Bunker Hill Station

I am pleased to inform you that this past Friday, the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM), Angeli achieved a major milestone on our Regional Connector Transit Project. The groundbreaking event happened at the Arts/Bunker Hill Station when Angeli broke through a wall of dirt after being launched earlier this summer from Little Tokyo. This landmark event brings us closer to the completion of our highly anticipated Regional Connector Project that will allow passengers a one-seat ride from Long Beach to Pasadena, and from East LA to Santa Monica, bypassing transfers at Union Station. The machine will begin tunneling the last segment of the tunnel to 4th Street and Flower with an expected completion date in mid-January 2018.

This 1.9-mile underground light-rail extension will serve 88,000 riders daily, including 17,000 new riders, and best of all, it will save commuters up to 20 minutes by reducing the need to transfer from Union Station. To view the video of the groundbreaking event click [here](#) and to learn more about the project including current construction notices regarding street closures click [here](#).

Public Comment Period Underway for Pico Station Renaming Proposal

Metro is inviting the public to comment on a proposal to rename the Metro Pico Station shared by the Blue Line and Expo Line to South Park/LA Live Station given its location in the South Park area of downtown Los Angeles and its proximity to L.A. Live, Staples Center, the Grammy Museum, the Microsoft Theater and the Los Angeles Convention Center, among others. As part of the process to rename stations, Metro will evaluate comments from individuals and organizations.

For those that would like to provide comments in person, I encourage you to attend the Metro Westside/Central Service Council meeting:

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.
Metro Headquarters Building
Gateway Room, 3rd Floor
One Gateway Plaza

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Metro staff will consider all comments and recommendations that are received by Friday, January 12, 2018 and will report back to the Board of Directors in early 2018 to determine the next steps as we move forward with this proposal.

For more information on the Pico Station renaming proposal or to submit public comments via email, please send an email to our Community Relations Manager, Michael Cortez at cortezmic@metro.net.

Federal and State District Staff Tour the Regional Connector Project

Last week, Metro Government Relations and Regional Connector Project Staff hosted a tour of the Regional Connector Little Tokyo/Art District Station Site. The 16 Federal and State district staff who participated were representing the following offices: Congressmembers Gomez, Roybal-Allard, Sanchez, Schiff; State Senators Hertzberg, Lara, Allen; Assemblymembers Chau, Holden, O'Donnell; and Los Angeles City Councilmembers Bonin, Buscaino, Krekorian and Martinez.



On the Move Riders Program Quarterly Travel Buddy Meeting

Last week, Metro's On The Move Riders Program hosted its quarterly Travel Buddy meeting. These meetings bring together the older adult volunteers known as Travel Buddies. They come from around the County to learn about Metro updates, special projects, and tips to share with their travel groups. Currently, we have a total of 26 clubs and over 500 participants. This month Travel Buddies heard from Corporate Safety, Metro Art and Access Services.

This program was formed to enhance and improve mobility for less experience seniors that need transit resources and training on how to use public transit. It is a useful tool for seniors that need transportation to their medical visits or simply taking sightseeing trips across the county. I appreciate our Community Education team for their efforts in increasing safe ridership for older adults through this excellent and efficient program.

If you or your department are interested in speaking at a future Travel Buddy Meeting, please contact Lilly Ortiz at ext. 2-2002 or OrtizL@metro.net



Law Enforcement Meet and Greet

In addition to their On the Move Riders meeting, our Community Education department hosted a Law Enforcement Meet and Greet event at the Willowbrook/Rosa Park station. This event provided information and the opportunity to meet and interact with the officers that patrol the Metro system and keep our riders safe. The agencies that participated were: Metro Transit Security, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Sheriffs Department, Long Beach Police Department and our team in Community Education. All agencies provided safety giveaways and answered questions from Metro patrons. This was a successful event and a great interactive experience between our riders and law enforcement. Our next meet and greet is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Gold Line's Mariachi Plaza station.



Procurement Postings

Division 20 Portal Widening Turnback Construction Management Support Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Division 20 Portal Widening Turnback Facility Construction Management Support Services Contract. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from December 7, 2017 through May 4, 2018.

The Contract is for the construction management support services for the widening of the existing Division 20 portal structure and turnback facility in preparation for the opening of the Westside Purple Line Extension

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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.

Solicitation for Bond Underwriting Services (RFP)

Metro's financial advisor, Sperry Capital, released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for bond underwriting services for ExpressLanes Toll Revenue Bonds. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from December 8, 2017 through March 2, 2018.

During the blackout period any inquiries concerning this solicitation must be directed to and may only be answered by our financial advisor, Bryant Jenkins, with Sperry Capital, at (415.339.9204) or bjenkins@sperrycapital.com.

Construction Notices: Purple Line Extension, I-5

Purple Line Extension: Summary

Beginning Monday, December 11th thru Friday, December 15th the design-builder will be conducting:

East Segment

Wilshire Blvd./Western Ave. – Preparation for Pile Installation

- Wilshire Blvd. may be intermittently reduced to one lane in each direction between Manhattan Pl. and Western Blvd. during off-peak hours.
- Full closure of Wilshire Blvd. between Manhattan Pl. and Western Ave. from 12/15–12/18, Friday at 9pm–Monday at 6am. Detour will be Crenshaw Blvd. to Olympic Blvd. to Western Ave. for more information, [click here](#).

Wilshire Blvd./Norton Ave. – Jet Grouting

- On Saturday, December 9, from 7am–6pm, eastbound Wilshire Blvd. will be closed between Bronson Ave. and Norton Ave. S. Bronson will be closed at Wilshire Blvd.
- Westbound and eastbound Wilshire Blvd. will be reduced to one lane between Bronson Ave. and Wilton Pl. for jet grouting preparation, 9am–3:30pm, Monday–Friday.

Wilshire Blvd./La Brea Ave. – Concrete Work and Dewatering Well Maintenance at Wilshire Blvd./Sycamore Ave.

- Dewatering well maintenance work on Wilshire Blvd. between La Brea Ave. and Highland Ave. This work will involve the following intermittent traffic control Monday–Friday:
 - Westbound Wilshire Blvd. will be reduced to one lane between Mansfield Ave. and Orange Dr. Work will take place on the sidewalk on the northeast corner of Wilshire Blvd./Orange Dr., but sidewalk access will be maintained.

Wilshire Blvd./Fairfax Ave. – Excavation, Hauling, Instrumentation Work and Deck Maintenance

- Ogden Dr. will be closed intermittently at Wilshire Blvd. Monday–Friday, 7am–11pm to support hauling.
- Westbound Wilshire Blvd. will be intermittently reduced to two lanes between Ogden Dr. and Fairfax Ave., Monday–Wednesday, 9pm–6am.
- Northbound Fairfax Ave. will be intermittently reduced to two lanes between Orange St. and Warner Dr., Monday–Wednesday, 9pm–6am.

Wilshire Blvd./La Cienega Blvd. – Decking Preparation, Utility Work, Hauling and Dewatering Well Installation

- Decking excavation and utility work on the north side of Wilshire Blvd. between La Cienega Blvd. and San Vicente Blvd. Work hours are 7am–5pm, 8pm–6am, Monday–Friday.
 - N. Gale Dr. closed through December 15. Work hours are 7am–10pm.
 - N. Hamilton Dr. closed at Wilshire Blvd. intermittently through December 18 from 7am–4pm.
 - Northside Wilshire Blvd. sidewalk closed between Hamilton Dr. and Gale Dr. Work hours are 7am–10pm, and continuous under weekend closures. Pedestrian detour signs will be installed and access to 8423 Wilshire Blvd. will be maintained from Hamilton Dr.
 - Northbound La Cienega Blvd. will be reduced to two lanes from Gregory Way to just north of Wilshire Blvd. K-rail will be installed north of Wilshire Blvd., in front of the staging yard, to separate the work zone from traffic. Parking restrictions will be in place on the east side of La Cienega Blvd. from 256 La Cienega Blvd. to 8484 Wilshire Blvd. through December.
 - Northbound La Cienega Blvd. will be reduced intermittently to one lane at the Wilshire/La Cienega intersection to support instrumentation work from 8pm–6am, Tuesday–Thursday.
 - Southbound La Cienega Blvd. will be reduced intermittently to two lanes at the Wilshire/La Cienega intersection to support instrumentation work from 8pm–6am Tuesday–Thursday.
 - Eastbound Wilshire Blvd. will be reduced to one lane between Le Doux Ave. and La Cienega Blvd. Tuesday–Thursday, 8pm–6am.
 - Eastbound Wilshire Blvd. will be reduced to one lane between Hamilton Dr. and Tower Dr. to support decking preparation work in advance of the weekend closure.
 - The eastside La Cienega Blvd. sidewalk north of Wilshire Blvd. will be closed Monday–Wednesday, 7am–4pm to support sidewalk restoration.
 - North and South Gale Dr. will be closed at Wilshire Blvd. at 5pm Friday to install noise mitigation for weekend decking operations.
 - Full weekend closures of Wilshire Blvd. between La Cienega Blvd. and San Vicente Blvd. thru February 2018 except for holiday weekends, [more details here](#).

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

"Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

- Abraham Lincoln

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