

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### APTA Annual Legislative Conference in Washington D.C.

Last week, I was in Washington D.C. for the annual American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Legislative Conference at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. I participated in the APTA Board of Directors Meeting and held one-on-one meetings with various congress members including Chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Bill Shuster to discuss topics important to LA County transportation and infrastructure. Likewise, I held a very productive meeting with the top Democrat on the House Transportation Committee Peter DeFazio of Oregon. I also met with LA County's only House appropriator Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard and had a great meeting with the most Senior House Transportation Committee Member from LA County Grace Napolitano.

Lastly, I was pleased to participate in a roundtable discussion hosted by the U.S. Senate Banking Committee where we discussed the White House infrastructure plan. This was a very productive trip with regard to advancing Metro's transportation goals and the Board's legislative agenda. I want to thank Metro Board

Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker for making her way out to D.C. to also meet with Congress Members and to support Metro and our transportation goals.

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### **Deputy CEO Honored with Women Who Move the Nation Award**

Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins was in Washington D.C. for the Conference Of Minority Transportation Official's – or COMTO's – 7th Annual Celebrating Women Who Move the Nation Awards Breakfast. Stephanie was honored for her professional achievements and exemplary leadership in the transportation industry. The Celebrating Women Who Move the Nation Award is one of the highest honors bestowed by COMTO and recognizes women executives in transportation from across the nation that have provided inspirational leadership by opening career pathways for women and for their extraordinary achievements in transportation. On behalf of the agency I give much praise and thanks to Stephanie for the substantial work she is doing not only for her own development, but for the various initiatives she is either leading or participating, in the advancement of Women in the infrastructure and transportation industries.

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### **East Los Angeles College visits Metro Construction Sites**

Metro was pleased to host Civil Engineering students from East Los Angeles Community College (ELAC) last week to learn about Metro construction projects and career paths. The bright group of future engineers started the day with front row seats to the Patsaouras Plaza Bus Project here at Gateway, where Construction Relations Manager Wilbur Babb provided an in-depth project overview and discussed career opportunities at Metro. The tour continued to the nearby Regional Connector project, where Project Engineer Jaydeep Pendse and team fully engaged and impressed the students with over an hour of Q&A explaining the engineering processes at the 2nd/Hope station site.

“We got to speak to engineers on-site and pick their brains about education paths. We also learned how closely Metro works with surrounding companies, buildings and shops within their Eat Shop Play program. You guys are really working hard to make it better for all of us here,” said Andrew P., President of the Civil Engineering Huskies Club at ELAC.

Thank you to our Construction Relations team for coordinating this event and for providing an insight on the construction process for the Regional Connector project as well as discussing the engineering career opportunities available to them here at Metro.





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### **CTC Approves \$482 Million for LA County in 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program**

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted the five-year 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which includes \$482 million for Los Angeles County. The 2018 STIP is a much needed boost of funding, particularly after the last STIP adopted in 2016 that reduced \$754 million worth of projects statewide. Metro is grateful to the CTC for this action. Thanks are also due to the funding infusion from Senate Bill 1, the 2017 Road Repair and Accountability Act (SB 1). Together the STIP and SB 1 will play a significant role in delivering Measure M, Los Angeles County's transformative transportation sales tax measure.

The 2018 STIP provides Los Angeles and other counties the chance to fully restore projects deleted in 2016, as well as the opportunity to fund additional transportation priorities. In Los Angeles County, Metro in partnership with Caltrans is completing much needed safety improvements on the State Route (SR) 138 from Palmdale to the San Bernardino County line by widening the last three segments of the highway. Metro is also funding other major transportation priorities including the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor, a major Measure M capital project, and bus fleet replacement, a critical state of good repair priority. We applaud the CTC with moving forward on the adoption of the 2018 STIP.

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### **Five Metro Community Update Meetings Held for the West Santa Ana Branch Project**

Metro completed a series of five Community Update Meetings for the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project. This round of meetings provided corridor communities with a project update, including the new northern alignment concepts, and opportunities for one-on-one dialogue to address concerns and ask



In preparation for Metro Orange Line improvements, Metro led a successful guided tour of the Metro Expo Line for elected officials' staff and key stakeholders from the San Fernando Valley last Monday. The San Fernando Valley Council of Governments co-hosted the tour organized by Metro Community Relations with support from Transit Corridor Planning, Corporate Safety and Service Planning.

The tour included a ride on the Expo Line to provide valuable insights on how proposed new features for the Orange Line such as rail-type gating could potentially be implemented as part of this Measure M-funded Project. The tour proved enlightening for those in attendance especially since many in the San Fernando Valley are not familiar with our gated projects like the Expo Line.

The group was joined by staff from the offices of Congressman Brad Sherman, Assemblymember Laura Friedman, LA County Supervisor and Metro Vice Chair Sheila Kuehl, LA County Supervisor and Metro Board Director Kathryn Barger, LA Councilmember Bob Blumenfield and LA Councilmember Mitchell Englander. Special thanks to bus operator Lawrence Espinoza from Division 15 for his professionalism and keeping safety in mind at all times while driving the tour group from Van Nuys to West LA and back.



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### **Metro Joins Property Owners Meeting for Arts District Los Angeles BID**

Last week, Metro Chief Communications Officer Pauletta Tonilas presented to the Arts District Los Angeles Business Improvement District (ADLA BID) at their annual property owners meeting. With Metro being one of the largest property owners in the ADLA BID boundaries, attendees were interested in learning more about Metro's projects, plans and initiatives in the Downtown LA area, especially in the Arts District. Pauletta provided updates on: West Santa Ana Branch, Emergency Security Operations Center, Link US, Regional Connector, Division 20 Portal Widening and Turnback Facility, and Eastside Access Improvements.

The ADLA BID, re-established in 2014, is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit managed by the Arts District Board of Directors. Board members are made up of large, medium, and small property owners and community stakeholders. The Los Angeles Arts District, roughly bounded by Alameda Street, the Los Angeles River, the 101 Freeway, and the 10 Freeway, is quickly becoming a widely popular arts, cultural, and shopping destination with rapid residential and employment growth. The primary function of ADLA is to keep the neighborhood clean and safe.

I would like to thank Pauletta for informing the property owners of Metro's plans and projects that are underway in the Arts District and for her efforts to bridge stronger relationships with the community.



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### **Residents, Business Owners and Students Attend Purple Line Extension Community Meeting**

Last week, more than sixty people endured the rainy weather to attend a community outreach meeting hosted by the Metro Purple Line Extension (PLE) Construction Relations Team. The meeting, held at the Westwood United Methodist Church in Westwood, provided attendees with a comprehensive overview of the Purple Line Extension construction project including construction schedules, expected traffic impacts and mitigation plans, and proposed relocations for area bus stops. In addition to Westwood community members being present, representatives from Los Angeles City Council Member Paul Koretz's office (CD 5) were also in attendance.

Metro Senior Construction Relations Manager for the PLE, Kasey Shuda, led the presentation. Kasey answered audience members' questions and addressed their concerns about expected construction noise levels, traffic congestion and project impacts on local businesses. Other members of the construction relations team ensured that attendees who wanted more information enrolled to receive project updates via internet web links and email.

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### **Employees Host Nowruz at Metro**

On Wednesday, March 21, a group of Metro employees hosted the third annual "Nowruz at Metro" gathering to celebrate "Nowruz", the Iranian New Year and Spring equinox. Metro colleagues had an opportunity to learn about the culture, heritage, and holiday. Nowruz usually falls on March 19, 20, or 21 and this year, it was on Tuesday, March 20.

A traditional "Haft Seen" display was set up on the 3rd floor and Plaza level at Gateway for observation of the seven items that represent a special symbol for the New Year. The Cafeteria also featured a few Iranian items on the lunch menu. In addition to celebrating the New Year, this is a broader effort to celebrate diversity and

to foster greater understanding of Iranian American culture. Many thanks to the employees involved in planning and preparing this year's celebrations.

More information about this holiday can be found [here](#).



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## Procurement Postings

### A/C Tensioner with Pulley Assembly (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure A/C Tensioner with Pulley Assembly. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, March 26, 2018 through Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of A/C tensioner assemblies required to maintain the bus fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Mona Ismail, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7376.

### Full Size Extended Length SUV (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Full Size Extended Length SUVs. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 23, 2018 through Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of four (4) Full Size Extended Length SUVs to replace existing vehicles in the current fleet to support bus operations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aryani L. Guzman, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

### Exhaust Manifold (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Exhaust Manifold. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday March 27, 2018 through Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of exhaust manifolds required to maintain the bus fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1018.

Nippon Sharyo P2020 Rail Car Tire Kits (IFB)

Metro will release an IFB SD51634 to procure Tire Kits for the P2020 Nippon Sharyo rail car. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday March 30, 2018 through Thursday, May 10, 2018.

The Nippon Sharyo P2020 Tire Kits are part of the car body of the Light Rail Cars and requires regular replacement due to continuous uses in revenue service.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Sr. Manager at (213) 922-1025.

Seat Back and Bottom Insert Overhaul (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking proposals from qualified firms to perform overhaul and modification services for the A650 Seat Back and Bottom Insert. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, March 27, 2018 through Friday, August 10, 2018.

This procurement is to provide services to overhaul and modify the seat inserts used on the Metro Red and Purple Line A650 Passenger HRVs. The Contractor is required to overhaul and modify the seat back and bottom inserts in accordance with the specifications in the solicitation. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the Contractor to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price.

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**Construction Notices: Crenshaw/LAX Project, Regional Connector, I-5**

Crenshaw/LAX Project: Temporary Green Line Station Closures

Starting on January 26, 2018, and continuing for 71 days, Metro's contractor, Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors began the rail tie-in connection between the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project and the existing Metro Green Line. The work requires the powering-down of five stations on the Green Line. The entirety of the work is expected to last for 71 days, resuming rail service at 3:00 am on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

The following five stations on the Green Line will be powered-down; Aviation/LAX, Mariposa, El Segundo, Douglas, and Redondo Beach Stations. A free Green Line shuttle service from the Hawthorne/Lennox station will provide replacement service to the affected stations during the operation and will aim to maintain comparable headways when possible. Connection service will be maintained at all existing stations served by the free shuttle between Hawthorne/Lennox and Redondo Beach stations.

Regional Connector: DWP Power Cable Pulling on Flower St and 6th St

DWP Power will perform cable pulling on Flower St between 5th St and 6th St and 6th St between Figueroa and Hope St.

Work began Saturday, February 24, and is expected to continue for approximately four months.

Work hours, weather permitting, are Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3:30 pm; and Saturdays and Sundays from 7 am to 6 pm.

- Lane reductions on southbound Flower St between 5th St and Wilshire Bl

- Lane reductions on eastbound 6th St between Figueroa and Hope St
- Right turns from 6th St to southbound Flower St will be restricted intermittently

Purple Line Extension: North Hamilton Closure for Utility Work

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

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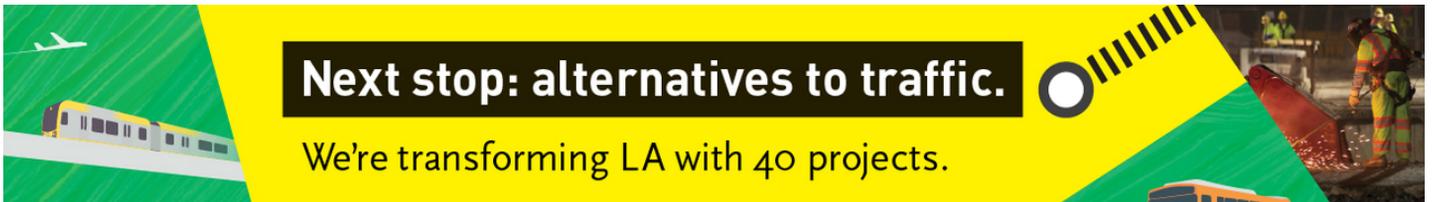
"Women belong in all places where decisions are being made... it shouldn't be that women are the exception."

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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