

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### Metro's Green Line Stations Reopen Earlier than Planned

I am excited to announce that the five Green Line Stations that have been temporarily closed to connect the line with the future Crenshaw/LAX light-rail line reopened to the public yesterday. The tie-in construction project was expected to run from January 26, 2018 to April 7, 2018 but thanks to the hard work of our Metro staff and Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC), the project was completed nearly one week in advance. Metro Green Line riders can now use the Aviation/LAX, Mariposa, El Segundo, Douglas and Redondo Beach stations.

New Crenshaw/LAX infrastructure has been successfully installed to connect to and integrate with the Green Line west of the Green Line Aviation Station. This tie-in activity included demolition and reconstruction of the track plinths to accommodate the track configuration, installment of Overhead Catenary System, modifications to Green Line track circuits for signals, and train control software modifications to allow trains to run on the tie-in segment. Additional track and signal upgrades were made during these closures to the Green Line to help ensure a smoother and more reliable commute.

I would like to thank our Metro riders for their patience during this project as we connected the Green Line to the future Crenshaw/LAX which marks a big step in the expansion of Metro's transit network. Special thanks

to the teams operating the Green Line bus shuttles which provided connecting services to all the closed stations and for accommodating our Green Line riders during peak hours. I would also like to thank Big Blue Bus, Beach Cities Transit, Culver City Bus, and LAX “G” Shuttle for providing customer-friendly extensions to their lines and services that were effective in accommodating first mile/last mile challenges, shortening the walk for passengers transferring between buses and for reducing travel time.

Lastly, this project could not have gone so swimmingly without the incredible public outreach, messaging and tactics plans produced by the Metro Communications team. Metro would like to welcome everyone back to the Green Line as we resume normal scheduled service to all stations.

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### **Dodger Stadium Express from the South Bay Gets Fans Moving on Opening Day**

This year, the spot light was on the Metro Harbor Gateway Transit Center to kick off Dodger Stadium Express (DSE) service on Major League Baseball’s Opening Day, March 29. Metro Board Member and Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn hosted a press conference at the Harbor Gateway Transit Center to announce the continued service to Dodger Stadium from the South Bay region. Joining Director Hahn were Dodger alums Manny Mota and Mickey Hatcher, as well as Metro staff who handed out Metro promo items such as sunscreen, lip balm and Metro bags. K-DAY radio station 93.5 FM promo team members were also on hand to entertain the baseball fans with music and radio station giveaways. Hundreds of fans boarded the Metro DSE buses excited to watch the Dodgers take on famous Bay Area rivals, San Francisco Giants.

Last year over 241,000 baseball fans took advantage of the service, and more than 1.4 million fans using the service since it began in 2010. Service is operated from both the Harbor Gateway Transit Center and Union Station. The DSE is a demonstration project made possible by Clean Transportation Funding from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC). Metro thanks baseball fans for leaving their cars at home and supporting air quality by taking public transportation to Dodger Stadium.



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### **Metro Accounting Manager Receives Ones to Watch Award**

I am pleased to announce that Metro Accounting Manager Ray Chio of the Financial Systems and Reporting function was selected as one of this year’s recipients of the Ones to Watch Award. The nationally recognized program spotlights rising technology leaders who have what it takes to become strategic business technology executives of tomorrow. Candidates have a track record of merit communication and collaboration skills, and a fundamental understanding of business goals. On behalf of the agency I congratulate Ray who was presented the award on March 22, 2018 in Miami Florida.



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### NextGen Bus Study Working Group - First Meeting

Last Tuesday, we launched the public engagement listening campaign by hosting the first workshop of the NextGen Bus Study Working Group. About 40 people attended representing a cross-section of stakeholders including representatives from Metro's Service Councils, environmental justice groups, faith-based organizations, business associations, educational institutions, advocacy groups, Councils of Governments, municipal bus operators, and several Metro Advisory Groups.

An overview was delivered highlighting the phases of the study and a lively facilitated discussion took place to obtain input on their views of our bus system. We also demonstrated how Metro is committed to engaging the general public by listening to their stories as it pertains to their use of Metro's bus system and how to improve our service. The responses we received were very insightful and constructive. The NextGen Bus Working Group workshop was held at Metro Headquarters and this group will meet bi-monthly, with the next meeting taking place in May.





## First Community Event Held for West Santa Ana Branch Transit Oriented Development

On Saturday, March 24, Metro partnered with Eco-Rapid Transit to staff four event booths at the Azalea Festival in the City of South Gate. Metro staff provided information and engaged with residents regarding the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Strategic Implementation Plan being developed with the 14 communities along the 20-mile light rail West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Transit Corridor between downtown Los Angeles and southeast LA County. Staff answered questions and walked participants through interactive exercises gathering feedback on station areas, the types of development they would like to see in their communities, and many other related topics. Information on the environmental study for this project was also shared. About 100 people visited these booths including Huntington Park Vice Mayor Karina Macias.

In addition to our participation on Saturday, Metro also sponsored smaller booths throughout this three-day festival (March 23-25) and engaged with nearly 300 people over the weekend. For more information on the WSAB TOD Strategic Implementation Plan or the Environmental Study, please click [here](#).



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## I-105 ExpressLanes Project Scoping Meetings

As you may know, the I-105 corridor experiences heavy demand that exceeds the freeway's capacity and projected growth is expected to place even greater demands on this corridor. As a result, Metro and Caltrans are preparing engineering and environmental studies, and initiating public scoping meetings to study the possible implementation of ExpressLanes along the I-105 corridor between I-405 and I-605. To initiate the project, three Public Scoping and one Agency Scoping Meeting were held on March 21, 22, and 24, to provide more information about the studies and gather public input as we evaluate options for this corridor. The project is accepting comments to help shape the studies through Monday, April 16, 2018. Comments on the project can be submitted [here](#). This project is a Measure M project and a Twenty-Eight by '28 Plan project.

Metro ExpressLanes are designed to improve traffic flow and provide a more reliable travel option in LA County. ExpressLanes allow carpools, vanpools and buses to travel for free while also providing single occupant vehicles the option to pay a toll to use the lane.

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

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## Next Stop: Retirement

I want to recognize and say thank you to those who have retired this past month after serving at Metro for 15 years or more. We sincerely appreciate all your hard work, dedication, and the years of service to our agency. I am sure you have inspired others through your accomplishments and have served as a role model to those that are beginning their careers at Metro. I hope you all have a wonderful retirement full of happiness, success and good health.

| NAME                     | TITLE/DIVISION  | YEARS OF SERVICE |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|
| Jose Reyes               | Mechanic A - CMS  | 33.25            |
| Renee Navarre            | Mechanic A - Division 5                                 | 32.5             |
| Loretta Ferem            | Sr. Transit Security Officer                            | 31.75            |
| Calvin Lawton            | Bus Operator - Division 9                               | 30.75            |
| Michael Albarran         | Bus Operator - Division 9                               | 28.25            |
| Elizabeth Arellano       | Bus Operator - Division 1                               | 28.25            |
| Anthony Jackson          | Mechanic A - Division 5                                 | 28               |
| Robinson Feliciano       | Mechanic A - CMS  | 27.5             |
| Gloria Ellis             | Bus Operator - Division 8                               | 26.75            |
| Roberto Martin Del Campo | Bus Operator - Division 2                               | 26.5             |
| Mercedes Vesga           | Bus Operator - Division 9                               | 26.25            |
| Martin Gourzong          | Bus Operator - Division 5                               | 24.25            |
| Raymond Oser             | Bus Operator - Division 9                               | 24.25            |
| Frank Porto              | A/C Tech - Facilities Maint.                            | 23               |
| Lan Le                   | Signal Inspector Leader - Wayside Systems Signal Maint. | 18.5             |
| Randy Tanaka             | Bus Operator - Division 18                              | 17.5             |
| Trudy Hughley            | Sr. Service Attendant - CMS                             | 17.2             |
| Guadalupe Gomez          | Signal Inspector - Wayside Systems Signal Maint.        | 16               |
| Tracy Dixon              | Sr. Risk Analyst - Risk Management                      | 15.25            |

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## Procurement Postings

### Heavy Duty Rail-Car Mover Truck (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a Heavy Duty Rail-Car Mover Truck. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 30, 2018 through Thursday, September 27, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of one (1) heavy duty rail-car mover truck to replace existing vehicle in the current fleet that support Metro's rail 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.

#### Bellows - Air Spring (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Air Spring Bellows. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 30, 2018 through Friday, June 29, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of front & rear suspension air spring bellows 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 Juelene Close, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1066.

#### Multilingual Translation Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure multilingual translation services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, April 5, 2018 through Thursday, July 19, 2018.

Metro's Marketing Department seeks qualified multilingual language translation contractors to provide translation (verbal/written) services. Metro intends to award multiple firm fixed-unit rate contracts.

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).

#### Lankershim Depot Park Landscaping Design Bid Build (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Lankershim Depot Park Landscaping Design Bid Build (D/B/B) per specifications on file at the Office of Procurement, 1 Gateway Plaza (9th Floor), Los Angeles, CA 90012.

**This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 30, 2018 through July 30, 2018.

Metro is seeking a contractor to complete landscaping at the Lankershim Depot Park (Depot Park), located at 11275 W. Chandler - South Boulevard in North Hollywood, CA - NW corner of Lankershim and S. Chandler Blvd.

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.

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### **Construction Notices: Regional Connector, I-5**

#### 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

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

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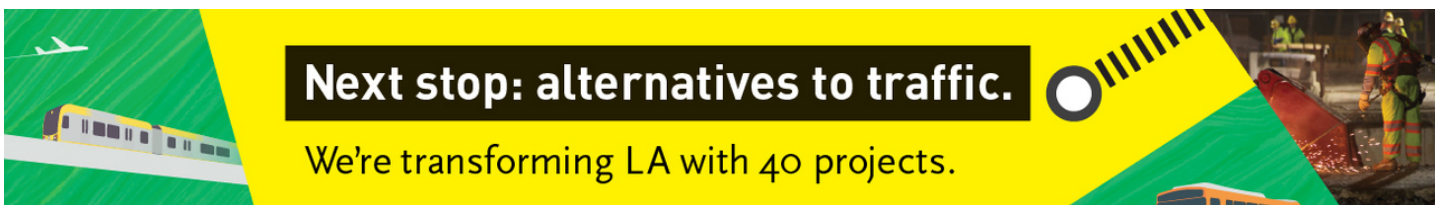
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~Albert Pike

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