

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### South Bay Residents Tour Gold and Expo Lines

In advance of community update meetings for the Green Line Extension to Torrance project, staff took three different groups of South Bay residents on tours of the Gold and Expo lines. The tours focused on locations that would be similar to possible configurations of this future project including examples of street running, soundwalls, trenches, and Transit Oriented Communities along the route. A total of 73 people attended the three tours including elected officials, Service Council members and local residents living adjacent to the planned Green Line Extension. The tours were beneficial to our planning efforts for this project as they answered many questions and provided real examples about Metro light rail service.

Currently in the Supplemental Alternatives Analysis phase, the Green Line Extension to Torrance is studying transit options along a four-mile segment of the Harbor Subdivision Corridor from the existing Redondo Beach Marine Station to the proposed Regional Transit Center in Torrance. Three community update meetings to discuss the project are scheduled for the evenings of April 17 in Lawndale, April 19 in Redondo Beach, and April 26 in Torrance. Additional information about these meetings and other project information can be found [here](#).



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## 2018 ASCE Public Sector Engineer of the Year

I would like to congratulate Dr. Cris B. Liban, Executive Officer, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability for his recognition as the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Region 9 2018 Outstanding Civil Engineer in the Public Sector Award. ASCE Region 9 represents more than 20,000 ASCE members in the State of California.

Dr. Liban was selected for his leadership and work in environmental stewardship, sustainability policy and sustainable infrastructure not only here at LA Metro but in other jurisdictions around the country. These include his efforts as a National Environmental Policy and Technology Adviser to the US Environmental Protection Agency, Member of the State of California Climate Safe Infrastructure Working Group, and as a Commissioner in both the LA County Beach Commission and the LA City Board of Transportation Commissioners.

Cris and his Environmental Compliance and Sustainability team have introduced significant innovations, cost-savings measures, and sustainable infrastructure throughout our agency creating a safer and more environmentally-friendly workplace for all of us. Most recently, they have been developing a cadre of new environmental leaders within LA Metro and throughout the region through workforce development training sessions.

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## NextGen Bus Study - Metro Employee Engagement, Service Councils, and Telephone Town Halls

Following the Tuesday, March 27 initial meeting of the NextGen External Working Group, Metro staff launched our “Listening To Your Story” phase of the effort. This began on April 4 with a workshop at the San Fernando Valley Service Council. It was also the focus of our Telephone Town Halls held that same evening and the following night. They kicked off our formal employee engagement by conducting focus groups with our Customer Care Department on April 4 and 6 and our first “rap session” with bus operators at Division 10 on April 5. After providing an overview of the bus study, staff had very thoughtful discussions with some of our frontline employees who are uniquely positioned to share their knowledge of our customers’ experiences. This week, our staff will be hosting one more focus group with Customer Care Department employees and holding workshops at the remaining four Service Council meetings. Rap sessions will also be hosted at all of our remaining bus divisions through the end of the month.



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## Metro in the Community

On Saturday, March 31, Metro Community Education (MCE) was busy conducting safety education outreach in our communities. Staff participated at springtime events along the Blue, Expo and Gold Lines at Toberman Recreation Center, Ramona Hall Recreation Center, Baldwin Hills Recreation Center, and Vineyard Recreation Center. Along with Easter Egg Hunts at each location, MCE hosted a Transit Safety resource table, answered questions from the public, and provided an arts and crafts table where kids constructed their own paper Metro trains and colored rail safety activity sheets. Also featured was the Rail Safety Game with a spinning prize wheel. In total, MCE engaged with over 700 people to help them learn more about staying safe when near tracks and trains. Safety is our number one priority here at Metro and I would like to thank our team for providing resources to our communities along the system.



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## Procurement Postings

### Friction Brake Disc Siemens P2000 Rail Car (IFB)

Metro will release an IFB SD49385 to procure Friction Brake Disc Kit for the P2000 Siemens rail car. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday April 12, 2018 through Thursday, May 24, 2018.

The Siemens P2000 Friction Brake Disc Kits are part of the braking system and is located under the light rail cars. The disc 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.

#### Turbocharger Assembly (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Turbocharger Assembly. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, April 10, 2018 through Friday, August 31, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of turbocharger 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 Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1018.

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### **Construction Notices: Regional Connector, Patsaouras Bus Plaza, Crenshaw/LAX, 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

#### Patsaouras Bus Plaza: Center St. Full Street Closure

Center St. between Ramirez St. & Commercial St., adjacent to the project workzone, will experience a full street closure Wednesday-Friday, April 11, 12, 13, 2018, late night between the hours of 9pm-5am (7am on 4/13). These closures are required as construction crews perform project related work at this location.

#### Patsaouras Bus Plaza: I-10 Busway Bridge Westbound Lane Closure

The I-10 Busway Bridge between Alameda Street and Mission Rd. will be closed in the westbound direction, April 11, 12, 13, 2018, between the hours of 10:00pm and 5:00am (7:00am on 4/13), as construction crews perform related project work. The eastbound busway will close between Alameda Street and Route I-710. Westbound busway traffic will close and detour at Route I-5.

#### Patsaouras Bus Plaza: Northbound U.S. 101 Vignes St. On/Off Ramp Closures

The Northbound U.S. 101 Vignes St. on/off ramps, adjacent to the construction zone, will experience late night closures Wednesday - Friday, April 11, 12, 13, 2018, between the hours of 9pm to 6am (7am on 4/13). These intermittent ramp closures are required as construction crews perform project related work at this location.

#### Crenshaw/LAX: Continuous Eastbound and Westbound Street Closure at 60th St at Crenshaw Blvd

As part of Metro's Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC) will continue working on the underground structure at 60th St. This includes decking removal, concrete pour, and backfill

operation and will require a full eastbound and westbound street closures for traffic on 60th St at Crenshaw Bl.

- The first closure will be implemented starting at 6:00am on Monday, April 9, 2018, through 6:00am Thursday, April 12, 2018.
- The second closure will be implemented Thursday, April 12, 2018, from 9:00pm to 3:30pm Monday, April 16, 2018.

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

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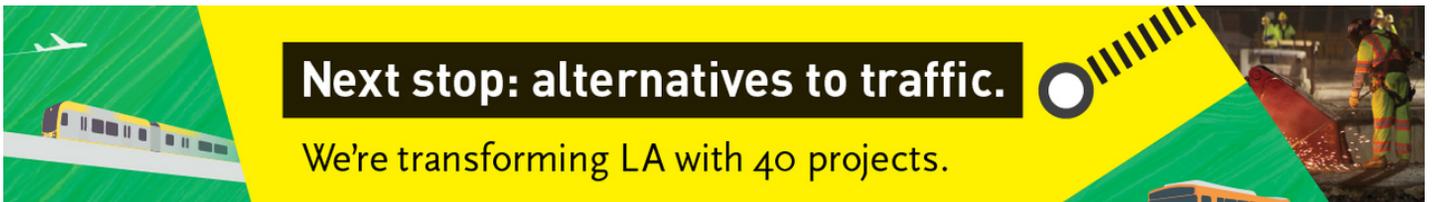
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~Arnold Palmer

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