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Proterra Electric Bus Site Visit

Last week I had the opportunity to participate in a site visit of Proterra's zero-emission electric bus manufacturing plant here in Los Angeles. I joined Metro Senior Executive Officer of Vehicle Acquisition Jess Montes, Proterra CEO Ryan Popple and various Proterra executives to provide respective company updates and discuss bus electrification. Key discussion items included standardizing charging strategies, charging infrastructure, utility costs, training and managing operational changes among other topics.

Some interesting points were made in relation to electric bus performance and output. We learned about efforts to decrease bus weight, goals to decrease electric bus prices to match diesel bus prices, goals to reduce charge times and the development of the DuoPower Drivetrain which offers much better hill climbing capabilities.

Our official meeting and discussion was followed by a factory tour and a ride on one of their 40-foot electric buses built for operation in Reno, Nevada. We met friendly and knowledgeable factory employees who showed us around their work

stations. This was a very informative tour and visit. A big thanks to Proterra and their staff for inviting us out to get a strong understanding of the electric bus manufacturing process.



National Night Out 2018

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. On August 7, Metro Community Education (MCE) participated in seven events throughout the county near the Blue, Expo and Gold Lines. Staff hosted Transit Safety resource tables and activities in Azusa, Duarte, Los Angeles (including East and South LA), Santa Monica, South Pasadena, and Willowbrook.

In total, MCE engaged with over 2,700 kids and adults who learned how to connect to the Metro system and how to create and maintain a safe culture around our tracks and trains. Metro's objective when participating in these type of events is to educate and contribute to making the communities we serve a safer and pleasant place to live.



Central LA Community Leaders Gathered for Union Station Area Roundtable

The Community Relations team recently hosted its bimonthly Union Station Area Roundtable to engage Central LA community leaders about Metro projects, programs and initiatives that intersect their neighborhoods. Community leadership, hailing from the Arts District, Cypress Park, Little Tokyo, East Los Angeles, Chinatown and others, joined the gathering.

Attendees participated in a focused discussion about the [LA River Path project](#), a proposed 8-mile pedestrian and bicycle path stretching from Elysian Valley to the City of Vernon that would close the longest remaining continuous gap in the Los Angeles River Path. Participants met members of the technical team (Jacobs & Alta Planning) and outreach firms (The Robert Group, Lee Andrews and K&A Associates) who will be working on the project. An interactive activity invited community leaders to explore how Metro can create a safe, accessible and inclusive path for everyone. The next Roundtable will be held in September.



Association for Commuter Transportation International Conference held in Anaheim

The Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) International Conference was held earlier this month in Anaheim, California. The event was hosted by the Southern California Chapter of ACT and was attended by over 600 participants, all professionals in the Transportation Demand Management field. Metro's Deputy Chief Innovation Officer, Nadine Lee, gave a keynote address about Metro's Strategic Plan, Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and Office of Extraordinary Innovation (OEI) projects to attendees who were excited to ask questions about Metro's Micro Transit and Mobility on Demand pilot projects.

Southern California Chapter President and Director of Metro Commute Services, Devon Deming, won a Career Achievement Award for "appreciation and recognition of two decades of service, leadership and dedication to the Transportation Demand Management community of Southern California." Two of Metro's Universal Pass (U-Pass) Program participants also won ACT National Awards. California State University Los Angeles (CSULA) won for Outstanding Marketing for "creating a video to showcase real scenarios of students riding the bus, train, carpooling, bicycling, driving, and using the shuttle from the off-site lot. Students were interviewed in the video and described their experience using these sustainable transportation modes, and their cost savings. After the video, the University set up an information table to help students with their transportation needs. Over 1,200 new students opted to purchase a U-Pass in Fall 2017 – this was 800 more passes than were purchased in the previous fall, prior to the launch of U-Pass at CSULA."

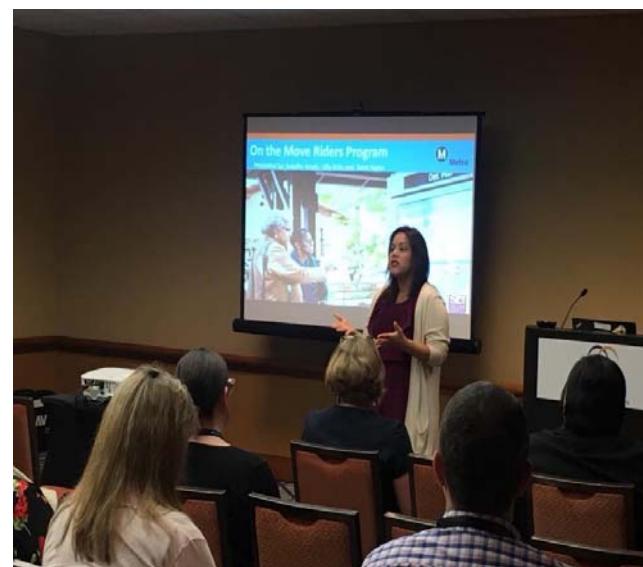
University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) won for its Outstanding Transit Program. "UCLA Transportation launched the Bruin Commuter Transit Benefit in July of 2017 in order to decrease parking demand, vehicle traffic, and streamline and improve the customer experience through transit benefits. The ongoing campaign offered free transit passes for one academic quarter to eligible students and employees. Based on eligibility, participants receive either a Go Metro pass with unlimited rides on any regional Metro bus or rail line, or a BruinGO! Flash Pass with unlimited rides on any Santa Monica Big Blue Bus or Culver CityBus. UCLA saw a 40% increase in participation in the Bruin Commuter Transit Benefit compared

to all other transit promotions in 2016 combined. In addition, the forty-two percent of summer and fall participants converted their transportation mode to public transit and purchased a winter quarter transit pass after participating in the program.” Congratulations to all of the ACT Conference participants, award winners and thanks to Metro staff for the excellent representation of our agency.



On the Move Riders Program at the N4A Conference in Chicago

Metro's On the Move Riders Program was selected to take part in this year's National Association of Area Agencies of Aging (n4a) Conference in Chicago. On the Move Riders Program co-presented with Salt Lake County Aging and Adult Services as a featured workshop of the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC). At the workshop, Metro staff emphasized the mission of the On the Move Riders Program that aims to bridge the mobility gap amongst the growing and diverse older adult population through its travel training program, educational classes, and consistent community outreach. I would like to congratulate our Community Education staff for being selected to be part of this conference and for their efforts to enhance and improve senior mobility throughout LA County.



First Graduating Class for Bidding and Estimating Course

On Wednesday, August 8, Metro Contractor Development and Bonding Academy hosted a graduating ceremony for our first Bidding and Estimating course. The course was designed to provide technical strategies, skills in accurately estimating project cost, and overall insight into what Primes and Metro are looking for in a quality professional bid. The seven week workshop, attended by 27 small contractors, was facilitated by Merriweather Williams, Metro's Contractor Development and Bonding Academy partner. The Academy is an example of Metro's commitment to increase the opportunities and the capacities of our small business community.

Congratulations to our new graduates. We look forward to receiving bids from you. Thank you to the Prime Contractors who served as instructors at the Academy: Skanska, Austin Commercial, Dragados, Swinerton, Kiewit and the law firm of Hunt Ortman. Lastly, I would like to thank Merriweather Williams and Associates and Metro's DEOD Executive Officer, Miguel Cabral and his staff – excellent job by all involved in this great program.

Announcing the New Blue

On Wednesday, August 8, 2018, Metro announced The New Blue Improvements Project. Work to modernize the Blue Line, Metro's oldest light rail line, now 28 years old, has been ongoing since 2014 with a series of safety and operational improvements. We will begin a round of significant construction and maintenance projects in January 2019.

Through the [New Blue Improvements Project](#), Metro is investing \$350 million to enhance safety, increase reliability and improve the customer experience. The nature of the work on the Blue Line requires portions of the line to be temporarily closed for two extended four-month closures. During these closures, Metro is providing rail replacement [bus shuttles](#). We are also launching a robust outreach campaign to customers, cities, communities, stakeholders, and the public about the New Blue.

To learn more about the project, please see the [fact sheet](#) or visit the [website](#).

Westbound SR 91 Improvements Project Public Hearings

Since Fall 2016, Metro and Caltrans District 7 have studied options for improving traffic on the Westbound SR-91 from Shoemaker to the I-605/SR-91 interchange and on northbound I-605 to the Alondra Av off-ramp. Technical studies and preliminary design work on the project and design options have been conducted and are compiled in the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA).

Two Public Hearings were held on August 1 and 2 in Cerritos and Artesia to provide the public with further information and an opportunity to provide comments. The IS/EA is currently available for public review and comment until Thursday, August 16, 2018. To view the document and provide your comments please visit the project website at www.metro.net/projects/wb-sr-91/.

Procurement Postings

Fire Alarm System Replacement at Various Divisions and Facilities (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure the design, construction, furnish equipment and installation of a new Fire Alarm System to replace the existing fire alarm system at Various Divisions and Facilities.

The blackout period is expected to last from Monday, August 13, 2018 through Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Wonder Van Twist, Sr. Manager Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7325

Vertical Lift Machines, Metro Blue & Metro Green Lines Warehouses (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure three (3) Vertical Lift Machines. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, August 10, 2018, through Thursday, January 31, 2019.

This procurement is for two (2) Vertical Lift Machines to support the Metro Blue Line Warehouse and one (1) Vertical Lift

Machine to support the Metro Green Line Warehouse.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Loretta Norris, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2632.

Construction Notices - Regional Connector, I-5

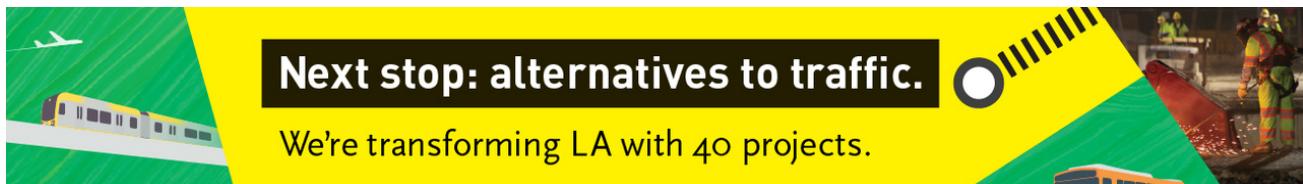
Regional Connector Transit Project: Weekend Closure of Flower St/6th St

Construction of the Regional Connector has reached the halfway mark, and crews can now start building the connection to the 7th St/Metro Center station in downtown L.A.'s Financial District. Beginning Saturday, July 7, a series of Flower St weekend closures will be in effect through October 22 in downtown LA's Financial District.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All construction updates [here](#).

"Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school."

~ Albert Einstein



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