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Getting the Wheels Rolling for Unique Partnership with Rail Car Manufacturers

Last week, we began talks with passenger rail car manufacturers about the possibilities of a unique partnership between Metro and rail car manufacturers. As Metro continues to position Los Angeles County as a transportation center for excellence, I invited rail car executives and consultants from around the world to a roundtable to discuss how transportation innovation can translate to the presence of a passenger rail manufacturing facility in Los Angeles County.

Among some of the ideas discussed were locating a full-scale facility where passenger rail cars could be designed, manufactured, tested and refurbished, or establishing a universal facility that would provide testing operations such as test tracks, which are in extremely limited supply in the United States. The effort would also extend to the manufacturing suppliers around the nation. Metro and the firms also talked about a 'mobility innovation park' that could be shared by several companies and perhaps focus on a variety of sectors in the transportation industry.

The roundtable last week was just the beginning of exploring how we can innovate the presence of passenger rail car manufacturing here in LA County. We are excited about the possibilities we heard from our colleagues and I am eager to

continue the conversation to see how we can think differently about the role passenger rail manufacturing plays in bringing jobs and better mobility to our region.



Metro Presentation to Long Beach City Council

Last week, Metro staff delivered a presentation to the Long Beach City Council on updates regarding three major projects affecting the City of Long Beach. Metro Chief of System Security & Law Enforcement Alex Wiggins updated the Council on the successful transition to the multi-agency policing model and the strong partnership with the Long Beach Police Department; Metro Director of Community Relations Anthony Crump provided an informative presentation on the New Blue project slated to begin January 2019 and informed them of the three levels of bus service that will be available; and Metro Senior Director of Countywide Planning and Development Ernesto Chaves informed the Council of the next steps on the I-710 South project which is working to complete the Final EIR/EIS and begin focusing on Early Investment Projects.

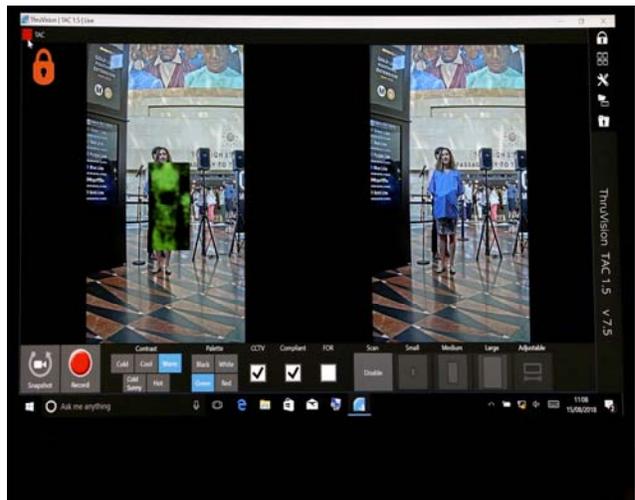
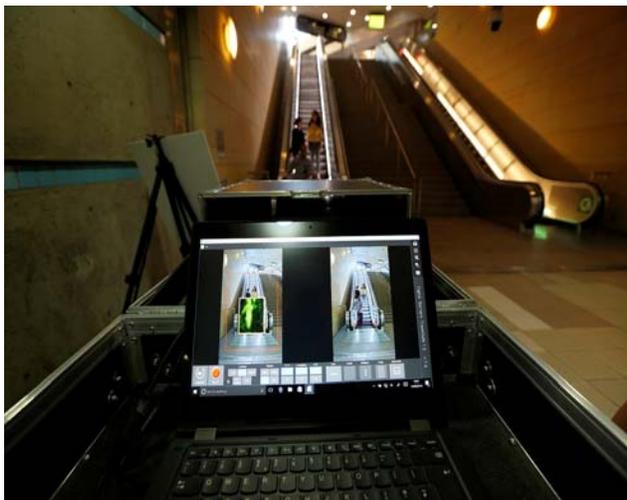
The Long Beach City Council had plenty of positive feedback for Metro. They were very pleased with the 50 percent decrease in Part 1 crimes and 80 percent decrease in part 2 crimes on the Blue Line specifically in Long Beach. They were also very appreciative of the full cohort of Metro representatives that made the time to attend the evening meeting. I want to express my appreciation to our staff from Local Government and External Affairs, Community Relations Program Management, Safety and Security, Highway Program, Rail Operation and Office of the CEO who worked together to represent the agency. All of these efforts truly highlight Metro's commitment to investing in Long Beach, the Blue Line and the Gateway Cities region and I thank Metro Director and Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia and his Board staff for providing us with the opportunity to share this Metro project update.

Metro Partners with TSA to Unveil a New Screening System

Metro is proud to partner with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to deploy a new advanced portable passenger screening technology that will help detect weapon and explosive device security threats on our transit system. We are the first transportation agency in the nation to purchase such an advanced, high-tech security device that will help keep our transit riders safe from person-borne improvised explosive devices or other weapons that are intended to cause mass casualties.

The Thruvision units, which are capable of identifying both metallic and non-metallic objects without emitting radiation of any kind, will be placed at locations throughout the Metro system. Our law enforcement agents and Metro Security will be able to screen rail and bus patrons without disrupting foot traffic and will be able to take decisive, pre-emptive action if suspicious items are found.

I would like to thank TSA Administrator David Pekoske, Chief System Security & Law Enforcement Officer Alex Wiggins and Metrolink's Chief Executive Officer Arthur Leahy for joining me at Union Station to unveil this new technology. Metro's number one priority is to provide a safe and secure environment for all transit riders in LA County.



Metro's participation in Summer Night Lights

Every year, Metro's Community Education (MCE) outreach to hundreds of families to promote transit safety through events held by the Summer Night Lights (SNL) program. This is a public-private partnership between the Los Angeles' Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction & Youth Development (GRYD) and its Foundation to increase community resiliency from the influence of gangs and gang violence.

MCE staff participated at a total of 19 family-friendly evening events at recreation centers throughout Los Angeles neighborhoods including Montecito Heights, Nickerson Gardens, Baldwin Village – Hillcrest, and South Los Angeles. SNL includes art and sport activities, as well as resource fairs to help communities connect with important services. Great job by MCE on another successful summer out in the communities Metro serves.



Metro's First Contractor Development and Bonding Program Transaction

Metro's Board approved a pilot Contractor Development and Bonding Program (CDBP) which launched in March, 2018. The CDBP assists in providing the small business community, specifically Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), Small Business Enterprises (SBE) and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE) the maximum opportunity to expand their bonding capacity on Metro Construction prime and subcontractor contracts.

On Tuesday, July 31 2018, Metro was successful in completing its first bond transaction to assist a certified DBE / SBE minority woman owned construction firm obtain bonds for a Metro concrete cutting project. After learning about the newly launched CDBP, G&F Concrete Cutting Inc. approached the Program to obtain bonding assistance for a significant subcontract they had recently received to perform work on the Willowbrook / Rosa Parks Station Improvements Package A&C, Blue Line Station Improvements & New Plaza Project.

With the additional capacity supported by Metro's Program, G&F will not only be able to perform the additional Metro work, but will establish itself at a new capacity level supporting their ability to grow and take on larger projects in the future. A big thank you to Miguel Cabral, EO over Diversity & Economic Opportunity and Dr. Irma Licea, Director who developed and implemented the CDBP.

Firms interested in participating in the CDPB are encouraged to contact Merriwether and Williams Insurance Services at (213) 258-3000 or online at MetroCDPB@imwis.com.

Participants Complete WIN-LA Transportation Workforce Readiness Training

Metro's commitment to attract, hire and grow a world-class transportation workforce is crucial to our ability to build and rebuild infrastructure in Los Angeles County and most importantly provide safe and reliable transit services for our customers. This commitment is being met through Metro's Career Pathways, which includes Workforce Initiative Now-Los Angeles (WIN-LA). The core objective of WIN-LA is to help people obtain the education and training they need to get a career at Metro and in the transportation and infrastructure industry through career pathways in construction, operations/maintenance, administration and professional services.

In July 2017, we announced WIN-LA to our regional workforce, education and training organizations, labor and private

employer partners and many others. On Friday, August 3, 2018, Metro hosted the first WIN-LA orientation with over 100 men and women in attendance to learn about the WIN-LA program and careers in the transportation industry. More than half enrolled in WIN-LA's inaugural cohort.

On Thursday, August 9, 2018, eighty participants completed WIN-LA's four-day Transportation Workforce Readiness training that was delivered in collaboration with the LA Community College Consortium, Transportation Workforce Institute including LA Trade Tech and LA Valley College. Additionally, the group participated in a tour of Metro's Division 13 to get a first-hand introduction and view into Operations and Maintenance career pathways.

We look forward to our WIN-LA participants gaining careers in the transportation and infrastructure industry. In the future, we look forward to partnering with private employers and others to help us achieve WIN-LA's core objective.

Lastly, I would like to thank Metro's Diversity and Economic Opportunity (DEOD), Deputy Executive Officer, Shalonda Baldwin and her team comprised of Michael Flores, Jessica Spearman and Kyle Wagner for their commitment to deliver WIN-LA. Also, thanks to Metro Operations Department and Human Capital Department for the demonstrated collaboration with our DEOD team – excellent job by all involved in this impactful program.

To learn more about WIN-LA visit metro.net/winla. Metro employees can view the internal site, [here](#).



Calling All Girl Scout Alumni

Metro Women and Girls Governing Council, in partnership with Caltrans, LADOT and Metrolink, is proud to host the Girl Scouts on Saturday, October 27, 2018 to promote career awareness in transportation. This will be a fun-filled event that will provide tours and valuable information on how the Los Angeles region's four major transportation agencies collaborate to move more than 24 million people per day. The Girl Scout mission is to build girls of courage, confidence and character and what better way to demonstrate that mission than with Metro's own workforce speaking on how they gained the leadership skills and potential to provide effective and efficient modes of transportation for Los Angeles County.

I would like to call on all Metro employees who are Girl Scout Alumni, such as our very own Debra Avila, Chief Vendor/Contract Management Officer and Collette Langston, Senior Transportation Planner, to let us know how many alums we have within our workforce and how their experience with the Girls Scouts influenced their career pathway here at Metro.

Please let us know if you are an alum by emailing Metro's Women and Girls Governing Council at wggc@metro.net.



Procurement Postings

Engine Rear Mount (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Engine Rear Mount. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, August 22, 2018 through Monday, December 31, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of engine rear mounts 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.

CMF Building 5 Dust Collection System (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a dust collection system for CMF Building 5. The Project Labor Agreement (PLA) applies to this procurement. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, August 24, 2018 through Tuesday, October 16, 2018.

This project includes design, installation and testing of two (2) new Dust Collection Systems to replace the existing infiltration systems at Metro Central Maintenance Facility (CMF), Building 5 Paint/Body Building, 470 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. As outlined in the Statement of Work, the Specifications and the Design Build Summary. The resultant Design Build Contract, if awarded, will be state/locally funded, and is subject to fiscal year funding.

Contractor must possess a valid California Contractor's license, classification A or B.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Daniel A. Robb Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7074.

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](#).

"If you don't make mistakes, you're not working on hard enough problems."



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