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4th Annual Metro Veterans Luncheon

Last Friday, I joined Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker and current, and retired, Metro Veterans for our 4th Annual Metro Veterans Luncheon at the Historic Union Station Ticketing Hall. We were pleased to welcome as Guest Speaker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Dr. Lisa Ramirez. Dr. Ramirez delivered a moving story and a powerful message to luncheon guests about her experience growing up as a daughter of migrant field workers, working the fields herself before enlisting in the United States Army Reserve.

This was an impressive ceremony that truly honored those who serve this country in military uniforms and a great way to honor those who lost their lives protecting the citizens of the United States. Thank you to Metro Chief Human Capital and Development Officer Joanne Peterson, Metro Veterans Program Manager Dennis Tucker and their teams for another successful Metro Veterans Luncheon.

Strong Wins for Metro at WTS-LA: Woman of the Year, Micro Transit Pilot, and U-Pass Pilot

Last Week, we had strong Metro representation at the WTS-LA Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. I am proud to announce that Metro Deputy Chief Innovation Officer Nadine Lee received the WTS-LA Woman of the Year Award for her many accomplishments in transportation, specifically for leading the development of the Vision 2028 Plan. Additionally, Metro was recognized for Innovation Transportation Solutions awarding both the Metro Micro

Transit Pilot Project as well as the successful U-Pass Pilot Project. These recognitions are testament to the incredible work all of us are contributing to in one way or another here at Metro. Congratulations again to the award recipients for providing excellence in service and support.



Broward County Transit Visits Metro before Passing Transportation Referendum

A few weeks ago, we were pleased to welcome our transportation peers from Broward County Transit (BCT) of Florida. General Manager Chris Walton met with Metro Office of Management and Budget, Communications, Planning, Government Relations and I to discuss information, and lessons learned, from our Measure M half cent sales tax approved by Los Angeles County voters in November 2016. At the time of GM Walton's visit, he was in the midst of his own public education process for a one-cent county sales tax referendum for transportation.

I received an email last week from a thankful GM Walton who informed me that their sales tax referendum to increase the county's sales tax from 6 cents to 7 cents was approved by voters during last Tuesday's elections. With this passage, Broward County is projecting \$15.6 billion over the next 30 years to improve roads, reduce congestion and invest in their bus system and work on plans for a light rail. I want to thank our transit partner Chris Walton for reaching out to us for support in his endeavors. Public referendum support like this is testament to the needs for investment in transportation and infrastructure from coast to coast. I look forward to assisting in any way we can with Broward County as they begin to implement their programs within the next year.

National Native American Heritage Month: Intertribal Transportation Association

As we reflect on National Native American Heritage Month, my office read a bit about the Intertribal Transportation Association (ITA) via the National Congress of American Indians. Like various transportation associations Metro is a part of – APTA, UITP, Mobility 21 – the ITA is an organization of Tribes which advocates for legislative and policy development, discusses funding and regulatory issues, and represents the shared interests of tribal transportation programs across the nation in promoting the continued advancement of transportation initiatives in Indian Country. The ITA works with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) who administers funds to the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP).

Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) includes an inventory of over 140,000 miles of public roads with multiple owners, including tribes, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, states, and counties. IRR are the most underdeveloped road network in the nation but are the primary transportation system for all residents and visitors in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Like many transportation associations, ITA is in the midst of advocating for federal funding and voicing their concerns and needs as the current

administration talks of possible major infrastructure investment.

Over 900 Students Ride Metro to Dia de Los Muertos Celebrations

Metro's Community Education (MCE) staff assisted with two Día de Los Muertos/Day of the Dead celebrations. On November 1 & 2, 20 school groups totaling over 900 students, from all over Los Angeles County, traveled to Olvera Street via bus and rail. Students participated in workshops and celebration activities put on by Olvera Street businesses. Every year, hundreds of students utilize public transit to travel to Olvera Street to celebrate Dia de Los Muertos.

Then on November 3, Metro staff joined hundreds of Los Angeles parishioners attending the Calvary Cemetery Día de Los Muertos celebration. The day's festivities included a mass by Archbishop Jose Gomez, a procession and a blessing of the altars. Families participated in art workshops, toured art displays and witnessed performances of folk dances and mariachi musicians. MCE department set up a Metro resource table and encouraged children and families to engage by spinning the safety wheel and answering train and bus questions to win a prize.



Safe Stop Initiatives

As part of the continuous outreach efforts, Metro's Community Education (MCE) partnered with LAPD, CHP, and the USC Department of Public Safety to reward the public for their safe pedestrian practices. The Safe Stop Initiative took place Monday, November 5 at the entrance of Jesse Brewer Park. Students and community members were rewarded with gift cards and Metro Community Education swag bags for practicing safety awareness such as following traffic signals and refraining from jaywalking. MCE also hosted a resource table to provide transit information to the community alongside LAPD's "Coffee with a Cop" table which offered free coffee and an opportunity to ask questions to law enforcement officers. The public was very appreciative of the collaborative effort and I thank our MCE team for their work to keep safety Metro's number one priority.



West Santa Ana Branch Team at Eco Rapid Transit Summit

Metro's West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project (WSAB) team participated in the recent Eco-Rapid Transit Summit held in Lakewood. The summit brought together elected officials, developers, businesses, key stakeholders and others interested in maximizing the development potential and job opportunities this project is anticipated to bring to the corridor. Metro Community Relations coordinated with event organizers to create and staff an exhibit room for attendees to view informational materials and display boards for both the environmental analysis and transit oriented development (TOD) components of the project.

I addressed attendees during the Friday session highlighting the importance of this project to Southeast LA County, and how it can improve mobility for the region, as well as provide economic development opportunities for cities and stakeholders along the corridor. Metro Board Member and City of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia served as keynote speaker and provided comments on transit oriented communities and the possibilities of public private partnerships. Metro Planning staff also participated in an afternoon panel session on creating transformative and equitable development along the project corridor.

For more information on WSAB, please visit our project [website](#).



American Tennis Great Gets an Assist from Metro Freeway Service Patrol

We all have had "one of those days" including former American professional tennis champion and women's rights activist Billie Jean King. What was supposed to be an average day driving along the I-605 freeway in Los Angeles, turned into a blown tire "nightmare" in the middle of busy midday traffic. Fortunately, the

tennis great was aware of Metro Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) and dialed 511 for free roadside assistance. Henry Herrera of the Metro FSP and California Highway Patrol were on scene within minutes to help get Billie Jean King to safety. Thanks to Billie Jean King for sharing her experience with FSP and reminding people of Metro's commitment to not only public transit but to highway congestion reduction and the flow of traffic.

Billie Jean King is a true American trailblazer. The story of her 1973 tennis match between her and former men's tennis champion Bobby Riggs is depicted in the 2017 feature film *Battle of the Sexes* starring Emma Stone and Steve Carell.



Procurement Postings

East San Fernando Valley (ESFV) Transit Corridor Project (RFP)

Metro will release an RFP to procure engineering design services for the East San Fernando Valley (ESFV) Transit Corridor Project. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 16, 2018 through May 17, 2019.

This Preliminary Engineering contract for East San Fernando Valley includes the development of Preliminary Engineering (Phase 1), Design Build Bid Support (Phase 2), and Design Services during Construction (Phase 3).

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Helen Gates-Bryant, Principal Contract Administrator, at gates-bryanth@metro.net or (213) 922-1269.

Metro Orange Line Internally Illuminated Raised Pavement Markers and Gate Systems (IFB)

Metro released an IFB to procure a contractor to provide internally illuminated raised pavement markers and gate systems along a portion of the Metro Orange Line light rail system. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will not apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 9, 2018 through February 12, 2019.

This Design/Bid/Build contract for Internally Illuminated Raised Pavement Markers and Gate Systems includes the design, furnishing, installation, and on-going maintenance of internally illuminated raised pavement markers (IIRPMs) and gate systems at four (4) locations along the Metro Orange Line in San Fernando Valley.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Helen Gates-Bryant, Principal Contract Administrator, at gates-bryanth@metro.net or

(213) 922-1269.

Metro USG Headquarters Fire Pump Replacement (IFB)

Metro will release an IFB to procure a contractor to complete replacement of existing fire pumps at its Union Station Gateway Headquarters. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 16, 2018 through March 1, 2019.

This Design/Build contract includes design and complete removal and replacement of existing fire pumps, diesel engines, controllers, exhaust silencers, lead-in piping, discharge piping, and pump header piping; removal of the existing CMU wall section for installation of new double doors; and testing, commissioning, and startup of the new equipment.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Grace Applebaum, Senior Contract Administrator, at applebaumg@metro.net or (213) 922-7125.

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, Purple Line, I-5

Regional Connector: Train Communications Line Work on Flower St

The Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) will begin construction on a train communications line on Flower St and 7th St, to tie the Regional Connector Transit Project to the existing station at 7th St/Metro Center.

Work is anticipated to continue for approximately six to nine months. Anticipated work hours, weather permitting, are 9 am to 3:30 pm and 9 pm to 5 am, Monday through Friday, and 7 am to 6 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

Thru traffic reduced during work hours on:

- Westbound 7th St, between Flower St and Figueroa
- Southbound Figueroa St between 7th St and 6th St

Purple Line Extension: Construction of Temporary Bus Layover on Santa Monica Blvd

A new temporary bus layover will be constructed in the median of Santa Monica Blvd. between Avenue of the Stars and Century Park East. Work is anticipated to start on October 15 and will take approximately 5 weeks to complete. Intermittent lane closures on Santa Monica Blvd will be implemented throughout construction.

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

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~ Francois de la Rochefoucauld



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