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Metro Joins Discussion at LA CoMotion 2018 Leadership Conference

Last Friday, I joined LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds and City of Los Angeles Chief Design Officer Christopher Hawthorne for the panel “City Spotlight – Los Angeles: Ground Zero of the Mobility Revolution?” at LA CoMotion 2018 Leadership Conference. Our panel discussion focused on how Los Angeles is ground zero of the mobility revolution, a position Los Angeles has arguably held for decades. My fellow panelists and I discussed how new technologies, services, and unprecedented investments in transit will reshape our city. Metro was fully represented at LA CoMotion with staff participating in other panels such as “More than Minivans: Gender Equity in Transportation” where Metro Principal Transportation Planner Claudia Galicia and Metro Senior Director Meghna Khanna joined other panelists to discuss the How Women Travel project.

LA CoMotion assembles the most insightful voices from policy, industry, design, technology, architecture, economics and sociology from all regions to explore the many facets and changing nature of urban mobility. The aim is to discuss and disseminate the best practices in urban development and find actionable solutions to improve mobility in the cities of tomorrow.

Enjoy a Safe Holiday Weekend

Here at Metro we have many things to be thankful for. I am thankful for the outstanding work and service you all provide to the residents and visitors of Los Angeles County. We all are helping Los Angeles County

improve traffic congestion and air quality by getting people to *Join the Movement* - choosing to ride together rather than drive alone. The public is seeing and feeling the benefits that Metro provides and thank you all for making it happen.

On behalf of the agency I want to give a special thanks to our front line employees who will be out there over the Holiday weekend providing service to our communities and helping get people to where they need to be. However, I hope we all get a chance to also relax and spend time with family and friends over the Thanksgiving Holiday. Be safe and see you all next week.

So You Think You Can Solve Traffic?

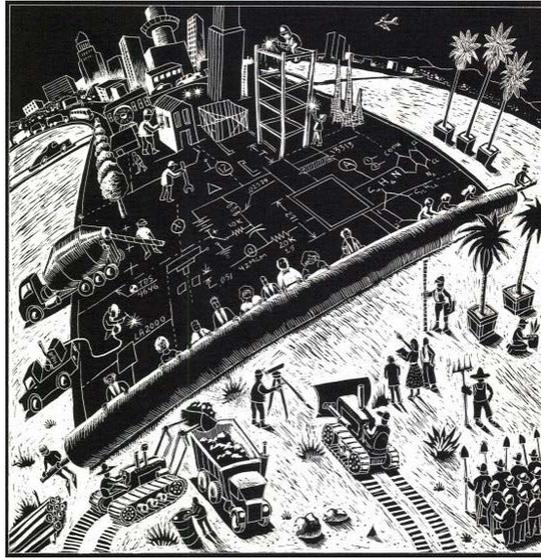
Metro has announced a series of forums designed to harness the ingenuity of private sector innovators and entrepreneurs to solve some of Los Angeles County's most pressing transportation challenges and to help transform its transportation network. The *Metro Accelerator Forum Series* will kick-off December 4 with the challenge topic: "Think You Can Solve Traffic?"

This forum will include panel discussions on using incentives and/or fees to get more people to consider alternatives to driving or to avoid driving during peak periods. Among the topics will be how to use congestion pricing (tolled highway facilities) as one possible way to ease L.A.'s infamous traffic congestion. The forum will be accompanied by a call for solutions from across private-sector industries and disciplines – technologists, startups, inventors, scientists, urbanists and transportation wonks, to name a few.

Solutions for the challenge to solve traffic will be submitted by January 31, 2019 and reviewed by Metro's Office of Extraordinary Innovation and an internal panel of Metro experts as part of Metro's Unsolicited Proposal program. Proposers may be invited to present to Metro executives and external experts by Spring 2019 and may have opportunities to advance toward a proof of concept, formal procurement or other next steps.

30 Years Since *LA 2000: A City for the Future*

Last week marked the 30th Anniversary of the *LA 2000: City for the Future* report from the City of Los Angeles presented to then Mayor Tom Bradley. It is a fascinating report to say the least and a great way to mark the progress transportation professionals and leaders have made since this 1988 long range plan. Some of our Metro workforce has been here since the release of this report – or since the inception of Metro – which may inform staff of their focused work that has brought many of these 1988 proposals and recommendations to fruition. Metro Digital Resources Librarian Kenn Bicknell recently released a blog post written for our Metro Library & Archive examining pieces of this report and how well Los Angeles followed through on the vision. Kenn's article can be read on Metro's [Primary Resources blog](#) which also has a link to the full [LA 2000: City for the Future Report](#).



November 2018 Operations Employees of the Month

Operations Department recognized November 2018 employees of the Month from Transportation, Maintenance and Logistics during Thursday's Operations, Safety, and Customer Experience Meeting.

The Transportation Employee of the Month award was presented to Green Line Transportation Manager Renee Hill, a 21-year employee who began her career in 1997. She started as a bus operator before promoting to acting Transportation Division Dispatcher and later became a rail operator. After train operating she promoted to acting RTOS before successfully completing the testing process to become a full time RTOS. After several years of dedicated and proficient service as RTOS, she achieved her current position as manager starting at Blue line. Ms. Hill takes her role very serious and is a professional which has allowed the opportunity to oversee and assist with the Crenshaw/Green line tie in project which she awaits to assist in kicking off the Crenshaw project operations. Ms. Hill is being recognized for her dedication and support of fellow departments and for most recently stepping up to ensure successful day to day operations of the Green Line division while the Director was absent.

The Maintenance Employee of the Month award was presented to Lead Custodian at Red Line Division 20 Mr. Gary Martinez, a 17-year employee who started with Metro in 2001. Mr. Martinez has maintained an outstanding attendance record and optimal performance record during his employment with Metro. Through hard work and perseverance, he has promoted to the position of Lead Custodian where he has demonstrated a tremendous amount of talent through his attention to detail. He has exhibited strong innovation and leadership skills during efforts in preparing for special events, maintaining cleanliness standards, and responding to trouble calls. He recently served as a pioneer in the initial stages of the ancillary cleaning of the Metro red line. Mr. Martinez is not only the trainer for new hire custodians, but also provided direct assistance with the training and development associated with the careful and thorough post-intrusion cleanups. He also recently served as a TCU Steward functioning as a communications liaison between management and frontline staff. He is a true advocate for a respectful and productive working environment.

The Logistics Employee of the Quarter award was presented to Monrovia Division 24 Storekeeper Mr. Jorge Ponte, a 37 year employee beginning his career in 1981. He is always on top of his duties, takes pride in his work and ensures safety is a top priority. Mr. Ponte is a leader, team player, and a friend to his co-workers. Over the past several months Mr. Ponte and the Division 24 staff have processed close to sixty P3010 Rail Car Contract Spares Shipments for approximately 2,000 lines. He oversees the acceptance and organization of the material. Last month when early fall rain was in the forecast, Mr. Ponte

responded immediately, ready and willing to do what was needed to protect Metro assets. He is respected amongst his peers and is looked up to by many. Management appreciates all he does for Division 24.



Metro Participates in Urban Land Institute LA's 2018 Transit Oriented Los Angeles

Metro sponsored and participated in the 2018 Transit Oriented Los Angeles event: Upward Mobility – Pathways to Inclusive Transit Neighborhoods held on November 8 at the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo. The event was presented by ULI Los Angeles, a District Council of the Urban Land Institute (ULI). This year's event unveiled exclusive research from the UCLA Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies on increased housing production and transit-oriented development, and its impact on ridership and quality of life in transit station areas.

After a welcome from Metro Chief Planning Officer Therese McMillan, transportation, planning and development leaders, including Metro Executive Officer Jenna Hornstock, discussed how L.A.'s transit systems can be an equitable economic force. A nationally recognized expert in social change movements also offered a strategy for positively reframing the conversation about the community change that comes with transit investment. Metro was pleased to be a part of this important convening and in helping advance the discussion on how investing in transit oriented communities can be a powerful force for good.



Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Mujeres Del Año Awards Gala

Please join me in congratulating Metro Executive Director of Community Relations, Yvette Robles Rapose for receiving the *Woman of Inspiration Award* this past Saturday at the Regional Hispanic Institute's Mujeres Del Año Awards Gala. The Regional Hispanic Institute recognizes women leaders for their outstanding contributions in the fields of Community Leadership, Education, Business and Government.

Yvette has worked in local, state and federal branches of government over the last 25 years all the while making a positive impact to the communities she has represented. The award is an acknowledgement of Yvette's professionalism, commitment and dedication to public service.



Procurement Postings

Anti-Graffiti Film Maintenance Services (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) seeking qualified contractors to supply and install anti-graffiti film and replace etched anti-graffiti film on glass, plexi glass and granite surfaces as well as providing as-needed window tinting services at Metro Bus and Rail facilities. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from November 15, 2018 through March 28, 2019.

This service has been split into four (4) geographical regions, with approximate square footage of protected surfaces per the following:

Region 1: MRL & MOL – 36,027 Sq. Ft.

Region 2: PGL, MPL & El Monte, USC Medical Center, and CSULA Bus Stations – 25,697 Sq. Ft.

Region 3: Expo – 13,701 Sq. Ft.

Region 4: MBL, MGL & HTW – 49,933 Sq. Ft.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Rommel Hilario, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4654.

Router Wireless Kit (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. MA58692 seeking bids from qualified firms to supply Wireless Routers on an as needed basis for a twelve month period with a one (1) year option for additional quantities. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 13, 2018 through January 12, 2019.

This procurement is for Wireless Routers to support Metro's bus fleet. The purchase of this item will be used in fleet operations and to replenish inventory.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Juelene Close, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1066.

Airport Metro Connector/96th Street Transit Station, Construction Support Services Consultant (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a Construction Support Services Consultant for a Construction Support Services Consultant (CSSC) firm to provide support and services for the Airport

Metro Connector/96th Street Transit Station project as outlined in the Statement of Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, November 19, 2018 through Monday, May 13, 2019.

The Airport Metro Connector / 96th St Station (or AMC) Project (Project). The Project will provide a station connection to a future automated People Mover (APM) to be built and operated by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA). In June 2014, the LACMTA Board of Directors approved adding a station at Aviation Blvd/96th St to the Crenshaw/LAX Line (currently under construction) that will serve as a transit "Gateway" to LAX.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Deneise Glover, Principal Contract Administrator at gloverd@metro.net

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:Gas Monitor Installation

On Tuesday, November 20 from 9am to 3:30pm, northbound La Cienega Blvd. will be reduced to two lanes at Wilshire Blvd. to support the installation of gas monitors. Additional info [here](#).

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

"I have seen that in any great undertaking it is not enough for a man to depend simply upon himself."

~ Shooter Teton Sioux

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