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Deputy CEO Takes Next Step in Her Impressive Career

Last week, the Metrolink Board of Directors unanimously voted to select Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins as the next Metrolink Chief Executive Officer. I am very proud of the many accomplishments Stephanie has made in her career and personally thank her for the outstanding work she has done to advance mobility throughout Los Angeles County.

With more than 24 years of experience in transportation, Stephanie's decorated career includes Executive Director of Metro's Vendor/Contract Management department, where she implemented procurement streamlining initiatives and greatly expanded Metro's utilization of small and historically underutilized businesses. Stephanie is well known in the industry for her role as Executive Officer and Project Director of the Congestion Reduction/ExpressLanes Program for Metro where she launched the first high occupancy toll lanes in LA County, the I-10 and I-110 Express Lanes, which improved travel times and travel reliability on two of the County's most congested freeway corridors. Through her work leading the Metro Women and Girls Governing Council, Stephanie has transformed the way women are perceived and valued in the transportation industry ultimately breaking down barriers for women and girls. Prior to her career at Metro, she served as Regional Programs Director for the Riverside County Transportation Commission and oversaw transit, commuter rail, rideshare, goods movement and rail capital projects.

Her achievements have resulted in being highly regarded in the areas of innovation, change agent, and collaboration among both the public and private sector. Stephanie is bringing true and reliable leadership to our partner agency Metrolink where she begins her career on January 2, 2019. Metro looks forward to working with the new Metrolink CEO to strengthen our partnership and provide world class transportation for residents and visitors of Southern California.



Meeting with Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie

Last week, I joined Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Second Vice Chair Eric Garcetti for a meeting with Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Robert Wilkie, VA Chief of Staff Pam Powers and other VA officials at the VA Greater Los Angeles campus in west LA. Metro is deeply appreciative to the VA Secretary, VA Greater Healthcare System Medical Director Ann Brown and their staff for their exceptional work with our agency on the Westside Purple Line Extension Project – Section 3. The terminal station for this project will be at the VA property. We discussed the project status and the latest updates regarding environmental clearances, parking and real estate, and community and public affairs. We are very pleased with the positive working relationship with the VA and look forward to moving closer to groundbreaking for construction of this critical mass transit mobility project in West LA.

Quarterly Discussion on KPCC AirTalk with Larry Mantle

Last Wednesday, I visited the 89.3 FM KPCC studios for my quarterly discussion on AirTalk with Larry Mantle. We discussed a wide range of transportation related topics including the Aerial Rapid Transit project to Dodger Stadium, congestion pricing, NextGen Bus Study, the New Blue Project, Crenshaw/LAX Operations plans and several other topics. I fielded questions from listeners who called in to ask about rapid bus and bus speeds, traffic signal synchronization, and a call from a Metro bus operator who asked about the elimination of cash payments on buses and other ways to speed up boardings. This was another great discussion with Larry and AirTalk listeners; I look forward to our next one. The recorded program can be listened to on the AirTalk web page, [here](#).

Raised on Records Holiday Concert Series

Last Thursday, 200 older adults traveled to Union Station to enjoy a holiday concert in the old ticket concourse room. The senior-friendly “Raised on Records Concert Series” event was hosted by Metro Community Education’s On The Move Riders Program and Metro Art Presents. Attendees enjoyed hot cocoa while dancing to the live swing band performance from Lady Lucks Band and received invaluable information from Access Services, Los Angeles Police Department, Metro’s LIFE program, Metro’s Accessibility Unit and Metro’s Mobile Customer Center. A special thank you to Public Relations and Marketing’s support which made the day a huge success.



Chief Innovation Officer Joins National Press Call on New APTA Report

Last Thursday, Metro Chief Innovation Officer Joshua Schank participated in a national press call announcing the release of a new APTA report called “Transformation of the American Commuter,” which studied attitudes toward transit, with a focus on new mobility and innovations. The study found that up to 80 percent of nationwide respondents viewed transit as the backbone of a lifestyle that includes current and future technologies. Joshua gave a brief overview of new mobility projects in the works, including Mobility on Demand, which will launch in late January, along with MicroTransit and Metro’s ambitious NextGen Bus Study. The APTA press release with a link to the full report can be viewed, [here](#).

Procurement Postings

CMF Building 5 Dust Collection System (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a dust collection system for CMF Building 5. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, December 19, 2018 through Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

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.

The Project Labor Agreement (PLA) applies to this procurement. 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

LA Metro Enterprise Asset Information Handover from Capital Projects to Operations Business Units and Asset Management (RFP)

Metro released this week a Request for Proposal (RFP). Metro is seeking the services of an experienced and qualified professional (Consultant) specializing in public sector transit maintenance and asset management to assist with the development of a process for Asset Handover and Onboarding new, replaced or upgraded assets being transferred from the team acquiring, constructing, or rehabilitating the assets (Capital Projects/Construction) to the team maintaining the assets (Operations) and reporting on the asset (TAM). The procurement blackout period is expected to run from December 7, 2018 through April 11, 2019.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Art Torres, Senior Manager at (213) 922-1047.

Metro Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) Regional Procurement (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure regional light duty tow services for the Metro Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) for Regions 1 and 2. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from December 12, 2018 through April 7, 2019.

Metro will seek proposals from qualified firms to procure two multi-beat FSP regional contracts utilizing light duty tow services on specific freeway segments. The two (2) regional contracts shall provide FSP service to patrol general purpose freeway lanes.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Roxane Marquez, Principal Contracts Administrator at (213) 922-4147.

Engine Oil (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Engine Oil. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday December 14, 2018 through Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of engine oil which is needed to lubricate the internal mechanisms within Metro's fleet bus engines. 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.

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, Crenshaw/LAX, I-5

Regional Connector: Concrete Placement at Grand Ave Arts/Bunker Hill Station

Each day new walls are erected at the future Grand Av Arts/Bunker Hill Station in downtown L.A. Concrete pours are scheduled intermittently as this two-year process to build the station's infrastructure advances on the Regional Connector Transit Project. Learn more [here](#).

Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project: Temporary Green Line Station Closures

The Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project is laying the foundation and making connections for the future. In order to make the necessary connections between the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project and the Green Line, we will need to suspend rail service between the Crenshaw Station and Redondo Beach Station.

Green Line rail service will be suspended between Crenshaw Station and Redondo Beach Station beginning at 9 pm, Friday, January 4, 2019, through 3 am, Sunday, January 20, 2019.

Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project: Civil Improvements

As part of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC) will be working on civil improvements which include the construction of new curb/gutter, sidewalk, driveways, ADA ramps and a roadway median on Oak St, north of Florence Av. This work will take place starting on Monday, December 3, 2018.

Starting Monday, December 3, 2018 through Friday, January 4, 2019 9am to 3:30pm and 8pm to 6am Monday through Friday. 8am to 5pm and 9pm to 6am Saturday and Sunday.

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

"Think like a queen. A queen is not afraid to fail. Failure is another steppingstone to greatness."

~ Oprah Winfrey



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