

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### **Metro is Proud to Celebrate Women's History Month**

Metro is joining the nation in celebrating Women's History Month throughout the month of March. We are very proud of the continuous work we are doing to elevate and empower women within our workforce and strides we have made to leave a lasting impact on the lives of young girls interested in transportation and engineering. Please join us as we recognize the successes and achievements made by women in transportation and plan for increased training and support that move women beyond traditional careers.

#### [Union Station Art & Architecture Tour featuring Forward Motion – Portraits of Women of Metro](#)

Sunday, March 10, 2019

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Union Station - Meet at info kiosk, inside Alameda St entrance

#### [Lunch Time Movie Screening: RBG \(Ruth Bader Ginsburg\)](#)

Friday, March 15, 2019

Noon

Gateway - 3rd Floor, Union Station Conference Room

#### [Profiles in Leadership: Women's History Month](#)

Monday, March 18, 2019

10:00 am

Gateway - 3rd Floor, Board Room

Lunchtime Art Tour featuring Women Forward Motion - Portraits of Women of Metro

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Noon - 1:00 pm

Gateway - 3rd Floor, Meet outside Metro cafe

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**Expo Line Culver City Station Opens Secure Bike Hub Facility**

Last week, Metro Interim Chief of Staff Nadine Lee joined Culver City Mayor Thomas Aujero, Culver City Vice Mayor Meghan Sahli-Wells and other project and community partners for a ribbon cutting ceremony to open Metro’s new Bike Hub facility at the Expo Line’s Culver City Station. The \$1.4-million, 1,600+ square-foot secure bicycle parking facility is located at one of the highest demand rail stations on the Westside.

The new hub allows secure parking for 64 bicycles under a controlled entry system with closed-circuit TV surveillance. The hub will also support a variety of bicycle commuter-related services, including around-the-clock bike parking, bike rentals, repairs, accessory sales and bike-related clinics, classes and community events.

Metro’s growing network of bike hubs allows bicycle commuters to leave their bikes at stations in a safe environment and avoid any hassles related to bringing bikes aboard crowded trains or anticipating space on bus bike racks. Bike hubs are also an effective way to encourage “first mile, last mile” connections to transit, which are a common barrier for many would-be transit riders.

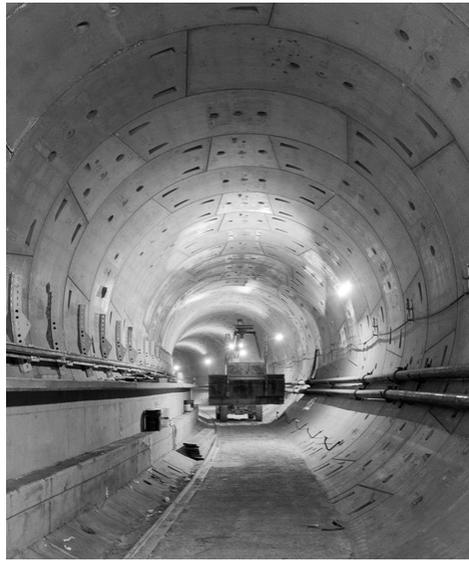


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**LA Board of Public Works Visits the Regional Connector Project**

Recently, Los Angeles Board of Public Works Commissioners Cecilia Cabello and Aura Garcia visited the Regional Connector Transit Project to receive an update on construction. The two commissioners toured the new tunnels in downtown Los Angeles as well as visited the excavation work happening underneath Flower St.

Project Manager Gary Baker provided the Board of Public Works representatives with first-hand access to the work sites and briefed them on progress. I appreciate the staff involving themselves in these projects and their endless dedication to seeing projects like Regional Connector get closer to completion. For progress photos of the Regional Connector, be sure to follow the project on [Facebook](#).



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### Metro's Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department Hosts Meet the Primes Event

Last week, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker was keynote speaker at Metro's "Meet the Primes" event. The event hosted 27 Prime Contractors and over 250 small businesses here at Gateway on the Plaza and 3rd floor lobbies. Metro's Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) event is borne of the Vendor Contract Management and Chief Executive Officer commitment to small business inclusion. The audience was reminded to use [Metro.net/Connect](https://www.metro.net/connect) to navigate our resources such as our Toolkit, on-line Certification, Small Business Programs, Calendar of Events and Contract Look-Aheads. I want to congratulate DEOD and Metro Director of DEOD Miriam 'Mimi' Long on another successful Meet the Primes event that inform and engage the business community; they are essential partners in Metro's infrastructure transformation.



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### On the Move Riders Program hosts Cultural Tour along the Expo Line

Last week, the On the Move Riders Program hosted a Cultural Tour along the Expo Line. The tour included stops at Expo/Bundy, Farmdale, and Culver City station where nearby destinations were visited. All 23 participants were attendees at our educational presentation given on February 12 at our Older Adult Transportation Pop-Up in Culver City. The primary goal of the tour was to provide attendees with a follow-up to the instruction they had received at our Pop-Up, with hands-on instruction on how to safely ride, how to use the TAP vending machines, and to highlight safety and accessibility features found on trains and platforms.



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### NextGen Bus Study Public Workshops Continue

About 85 people joined us last week at NextGen Bus workshops in Van Nuys and Wilmington/San Pedro. The Van Nuys workshop was held at the Center for Independent Living of Southern California where we specifically focused on the needs of people with disabilities. The Wilmington/San Pedro area workshop was held in collaboration with the Office of Assembly Member Mike A. Gipson. We received valuable comments on a variety of issues including accessibility to and from bus lines, wheelchair securement locations in Metro buses, increasing bus frequency, improving security, and requests that Metro collaborate with Access Services and LADOT DASH service. We are holding additional workshops tonight in South LA, Tuesday night in West LA, and Thursday night in Compton, with three more workshops in the following 2 weeks. This coming week, there will be workshops in South LA, West LA, and Compton.

People attending the workshops are offered a free TAP card and have the opportunity to enter a raffle to win various Metro Transit Passes. Various Metro Departments are participating in the workshops to answer questions and provide important information highly valued by our customers related to Metro’s bus system, station cleanliness, safety and security, TAP cards, and countywide planning initiatives such as the Long-Range Transportation Plan and Bus Fare Restructuring. We appreciate the support of our Directors in helping to spread the word about these workshops and invite them to continue doing so. More information about the already scheduled workshops is available [here](#).



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### Procurement Postings

#### Smart Bike Rack System (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit the preparation of a pilot smart bike rack system for six (6) stations and sixty (60) bike parking spaces. The procurement process blackout period is expected

to run from March 5, 2019 through June 25, 2019.

Metro will seek proposals from well-qualified professional and technical firms for development of a system for smart bike racks. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by DeValory Donahue, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4726.

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**Construction Notices: Regional Connector, I-5**

Regional Connector: Deck Panel Removal for Excavation on Flower St

Excavation of the tunnel box below Flower St continues in downtown Los Angeles as part of efforts to connect the Regional Connector Transit Project to the existing 7th St/Metro Center Station. In order to effectively build the tunnel box, crews will remove segments of the road deck panels on weekdays during daytime hours, between 5th and 6th St with minimal impacts to the traveling public. To learn more, click [here](#) for the full construction notice.

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

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"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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