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Women's History Month: Leadership Spotlight - Sheila J. Kuehl

No one takes a stand for women as proudly and as strong as Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Sheila James Kuehl. Metro is very proud to kick off our first leadership spotlight for Women's History Month with Board Chair Sheila Kuehl. Chair Kuehl was elected to represent LA County's Third Supervisorial District in November 2014 and became Chair of the Metro Board of Directors in July 2018. Chair Kuehl has dedicated the majority of her adult life to public service -improving the lives of women and children, protecting the environment and local green space, trailblazing as the first openly gay or lesbian person elected to California Legislature and much more over her decorated career.

Before her service on the Board of Supervisors, Chair Kuehl served eight years in the California State Senate and six years in the California State Assembly. She was the first woman in California history to be named Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly. She authored legislation to establish paid family leave, nurse to patient ratios in hospitals, protections for the Santa Monica Mountains as well as anti-discrimination legislation on the basis of gender and disability in the workplace and sexual orientation in education.

Following this groundbreaking work in the California Legislature, County Supervisor Kuehl continues to lead the way on many initiatives to improve lives and reform systems in LA County. At Metro, she has been the champion of equity, gender parity in the workforce, improving the customer experience and placing a gender lens to Metro's role as a service provider. Before her role as Chair, Board Member Kuehl strongly advocated for increasing women workers on Metro construction project's by implementing a scoring system and incentive program for contractors. Chair Kuehl has been a major proponent and supporter of Metro's Women & Girls Governing Council (WGGC) and in fact, will be delivering a closing message to Metro's first-ever Girls Empowerment Summit occurring at the end of this month. We appreciate her support of WGGC and look

forward to continuing to advance and empower women in the transportation industry throughout the remainder of her role as Metro Chair and beyond.



Board Member Bonin Participates in NextGen Bus Study Public Workshop

More than 120 people joined us this past week at the NextGen Bus Study Workshops in South LA, West LA, and Compton. The West LA workshop was held at the Felicia Mahood Multi-Purpose Center in collaboration with Metro Board Member Mike Bonin’s L.A. City Council District Office. Director Bonin, who is very enthusiastic about the Nextgen study and overall customer experience, participated at the West LA Workshop where he engaged the local residents and Metro Staff about issues pertaining to Metro bus service and provided his own input by marking it on the bus service map. We are holding workshops tomorrow, Tuesday evening, for the Las Virgenes Malibu area in the City of Calabasas in collaboration with the Office of County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Sheila Kuehl, and Wednesday night in the West Adams District of Los Angeles. Additionally, next Tuesday, March 19 there will be a workshop in East LA at the East LA Service Center with the collaboration of the Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis.

People attending these 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 at the Nextgen webpage, [here](#).



Meeting with the LA County Congressional Delegation on Capitol Hill

Last week, I was pleased to meet with a number of Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation members on Capitol Hill to discuss our Board-approved 2019 Federal Legislative agenda. In meetings with U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, Congressman Ted Lieu, Congresswoman Karen Bass, Congressman Gil Cisneros, Congresswoman Judy Chu, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, and Congresswoman Norma Torres – we discussed our agency’s mobility-enhancing programs and projects. I was encouraged at the positive feedback we received on our work, as it relates to our Rebuilding America initiative, reforming federal Local Hire rules, our work to establish a world class Transportation School, our interest in the FTA’s Expedited Project Delivery Program, among many other issues.

I was also pleased to have an opportunity to meet with the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-OR) to discuss the broad range of federal issues of great interest to our agency as it relates to the next surface transportation authorization bill that the Chairman will be crafting with his colleagues. Lastly, I had the opportunity to meet with key aides for congressional authorization and appropriations committees that have jurisdiction over the programs and projects that deliver hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds to our agency on an annual basis. I want to thank our Metro Federal Affairs team for maintaining productive relations with members of Congress and for all the work that goes into coordinating these meetings with our LA County Congressional Delegation members.



Draft 2019 Public Participation Plan Released

On March 6, Metro released its [Draft 2019 Public Participation Plan](#) (PPP) and is seeking comments from the public until Friday, April 12. Every three years, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires that Metro update the agency’s PPP as part of its Title VI Program Update. The Plan guides all of Metro's outreach efforts to gather important public input on significant topics including possible changes to fares, bus and rail service, new projects in planning, construction and other programs.

At a high level, the 2019 updates include Metro’s Equity Platform Framework which was adopted by the Metro Board in March 2018 and new case studies of outreach accomplished in communities across the County.

Visit the [PPP website](#) to read the draft Plan, view the schedule of public meetings staff will be presenting the Plan and find ways to submit public comment.



Design Efforts Continue for LA Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements

On March 5, Metro staff hosted a community workshop for the [Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements](#) at the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument in downtown Los Angeles. Community stakeholders attended the workshop to learn about and provide input on the latest design updates for Alameda and Los Angeles Streets and a potential new forecourt area at Union Station. The project will enhance safety and connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists traveling between Union Station and surrounding communities.

Metro will continue to engage the community on project design efforts leading up to the anticipated start of construction in 2021. To learn more about the project, [visit metro.net/lausforecourt](http://metro.net/lausforecourt).



Procurement Postings

[35 Ton Tow Truck \(IFB\)](#)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure 35 Ton Tow Truck. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 8, 2019 through Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

This procurement is for one (1) 35 ton tow truck to replace existing vehicles in the current fleet to support Metro's bus operations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aryani L. Guzman, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

Restoration Services (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking the services of a licensed and qualified emergency restoration services firm. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 8, 2019 through July 1, 2019.

The Contractor shall be required to provide emergency restoration services that include, but not limited: 1) Mildew/Mold remediation including dry wall demolition and disposal; 2) Water Damage; 3) Fire and Smoke damage; 4) Biohazard clean-up and decontamination; 5) Contents cleaning and restoration (furniture, upholstery), and 6) Consulting and advisory services.

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

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

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (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 March 8, 2019 through April 22, 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.

First/Last Mile On-Call Consulting Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for on-call consulting services to assist with First/Last Mile planning. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, March 7, 2019 through Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Metro's Countywide Planning and Development Department is seeking the services of a consultant to support ongoing and future first/last mile planning efforts by executing complementary tasks that aim to expand upon and improve Metro's approach to first/last mile implementation on an as-needed basis.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ana Rodriguez, Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 922-1076.

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, I-5

Regional Connector: Deck Panel Removal for Excavation on Flower St

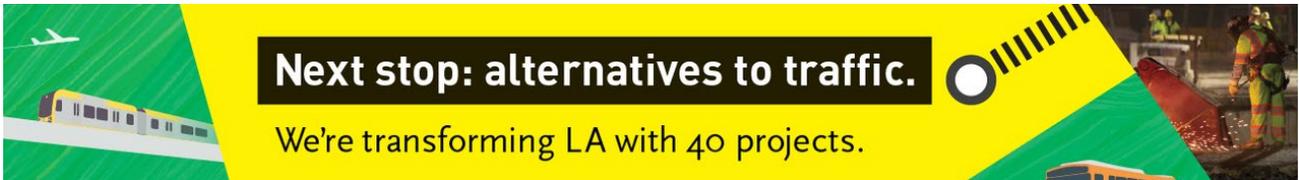
Excavation of the tunnel box below Flower St continues in downtown Los Angeles as part of efforts to connect the Regional Connector Transit Project to the existing 7th St/Metro Center Station. In order to effectively build the tunnel box, crews will remove segments of the road deck panels on weekdays 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.](#)

"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but where they ought to be."

~ Rosalynn Carter

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