

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### Get on Board for Public Transportation

Last Thursday, I joined Metro Board Chair and LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Metro Board Members Hilda Solis, Ara Najarian, Kathryn Barger, Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker and the LA County transportation municipal operators to urge the public to “Get on Board” for public transit as part of a nationwide awareness day designed to increase support for public transportation among riders and non-riders, elected officials and community stakeholders. The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) designated April 25, 2019 as National Get on Board Day throughout the country calling for a unified voice highlighting the many benefits public transportation provides to communities.

Every segment of American society, from individuals and families, to communities, and businesses, all benefit from public transportation. The environment benefits - communities that invest in public transportation reduce the nation’s carbon emissions by 37 million metric tons annually. The economy benefits - every \$1 invested in public transportation generates \$4 in economic returns, and every \$1 billion invested supports and creates more than 50,000 jobs. The public is safer - traveling by public transportation is 10 times safer per mile than traveling by automobile and a person can reduce their chance of being in an accident by more than 90 percent simply by taking public transit as opposed to commuting by car. I think we all can get on board with these benefits.



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## Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May

Metro is proud to celebrate the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, celebrating the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed into law Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week that became a month-long recognition in 1990. Asian Pacific American's represent a strong group of the Metro workforce and we are proud to celebrate their heritage.

### *Metro Art Presents Artists of Asian Pacific American Heritage*

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Union Station – Details at [metro.net/art](http://metro.net/art)

### *Profiles in Leadership: Asian Pacific American Heritage Month*

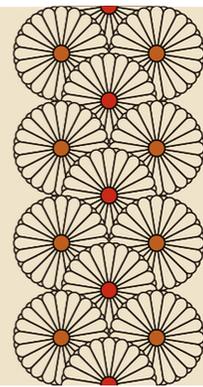
Tuesday, May 28, 2019

2 pm – 3 pm

3rd Floor – Gateway, Board Room

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AT METRO

# Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month



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## Self Defense Classes Hosted by Women and Girls Governing Council

Last Wednesday was Denim Day and Metro's Women and Girls Governing Council (WGGC) hosted three self-defense classes taught by our partners from LAPD. The class taught participants to be aware of their surroundings, to have a mindset of survival and some basic techniques to fight an attacker should it be necessary. An interesting statistic shared by the trainers is that data reveals that women who fight back do not increase their attacker's aggression but rather have a better chance of survival. The best option for defense is to run away, get help and fight back when absolutely necessary.

The self-defense trainers provided a very comprehensive training that our participants appreciated. The participants were very interested in the lessons, engaged and left the session with a better understanding of self-defense. Metro's LAPD partners are not only keeping our system safe but also our employees. Thanks

again to our partners at LAPD.



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### Los Angeles County Goods Movement Strategic Plan: Freight Working Group

On April 23, I was pleased to greet leaders in the goods movement industry from throughout Los Angeles County to discuss Metro’s focus on the importance of goods movement in the region and to participate in a discussion to help guide the vision of the upcoming Los Angeles Goods Movement Strategic Plan. The Freight Working Group is part of a larger, ongoing stakeholder engagement effort to reach out to experts in the field to gain a holistic understanding of the goods movement and freight environment in Los Angeles County. The event also included roundtable discussions where participants highlighted key issues in infrastructure, multimodal connectivity, equity, workforce development, evolving technologies, regional collaboration and national leadership, fiscal responsibility, and project delivery methodologies. The input drawn from the participants helps us understand regional challenges more clearly, and in turn, will lead us to create more effective and well-informed solutions.

The Strategic Plan is led by the Metro Planning Department’s Office of Goods Movement and will support the goals adopted in Vision 2028. I am pleased to see the engagement of freight and goods movement representatives and look forward to continued collaboration as we develop the Los Angeles County Goods Movement Strategic Plan. I want to thank Metro Interim Chief Planning Officer Laurie Lombardi, Senior Executive Officer Wil Ridder, Metro Goods Movement Deputy Executive Officer Michael Cano, and additional staff from Metro Countywide Planning – Transportation Planning Manager Akiko Yamagami and Transportation Associate II Anna Lee for all the coordinator efforts that go into this successful Freight Working Group.



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### Metro Represented at Open House for LAX LAMP Project

Last week, members of Metro’s Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Airport Metro Connector Project and Green Line Extension Study were on hand to staff a booth at the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP) open house at Otis College in Westchester. The event featured representatives from each component of the LAX projects who spoke with the community about the assorted

projects LAX is constructing in the airport area. Approximately 200 people were in attendance and Metro staff was able to answer questions on each of the projects regarding construction timelines, studies, coordination efforts with LAWA and labor pool. I want to thank Senior Construction Relations Officer Brett Roberts, Senior Community Relations Officer Ron Macias and Community Relations Manager Mark Dierking for representing Metro at this very informative event for the public.

The LAMP at LAX aims to relieve congestion for people traveling to and from the fifth-busiest airport in the world and second busiest in the U.S. It includes the Automated People Mover (APM) - an elevated 2.25-mile electric train system comprised of six stations that will connect travelers to Metro's Airport Metro Connector Project, rental car facility and other drop-off/pick-up locations. Through its various congestion-relieving elements, the LAMP is expected to enhance the traveler experience and give customers time-certain access to terminals.



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### **Metro Citizens' Advisory Council April Update**

At this month's meetings, the Metro Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) received an in-depth update from Office of Management and Budget Senior Staff regarding the draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 budget for FY 2020. The CAC had requested substantive information about the budget including costs associated with fare collection, specifics regarding where sales tax revenues go, eligible fund sources for bus operations, increases in cost per service hour, quality of life issues on the system, and security needs considered in the budget. Some CAC members expressed interest in how the 511 program works and its administrative costs. Members also expressed the need for increased agency responsiveness and accountability to public input that the agency receives.

The CAC is mandated by state statute. Its membership reflects a broad spectrum of interests and geographic areas of the County. The Metro Board of Directors may each nominate four members of the public to serve on the CAC. The CAC may consult, obtain, and collect public input on matters of interest and concern to the community and can communicate the CAC's recommendations with respect to such issues to Metro. Issues may also be assigned to the CAC by Metro for its review, comment and recommendation. More information may be found [here](#).

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### **Procurement Postings**

#### A650 Semi-Permanent Drawbar Overhaul (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to overhaul Metro's A650 Semi-Permanent Drawbars. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, May 3, 2019 through Thursday, October 3, 2019.

The procurement is for the overhaul of 37 each A650 Semi-Permanent Drawbar Assemblies including spare parts on the Red Line A650 Heavy Rail Vehicle (HRV) which is a part of the planned A650 overhaul program.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lorretta Norris, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2632.

#### P2550 Static Inverter Overhaul (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure technical services for P2550 Static Inverter Overhauls. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, April 19, 2019 through Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

Metro will seek proposals from qualified firms to provide overhaul services for Static Inverter APS/LVPS in support of Metro's P2550 AnsaldoBreda Light Rail Vehicles (LRV).

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Edmund Gonzales, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3073.

#### Engine Oil (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Engine Oil. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, April 30, 2019 through Friday, October 4, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of engine oil which is needed to lubricate the internal mechanisms within the engine. 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.

#### Overhead Hoist Crane and Maintenance Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking a qualified contractor to provide repair and maintenance service of Metro entire jib cranes, bridge cranes, overhead and gantry cranes. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement blackout period is expected to run from April 24, 2019 through August 1, 2019.

These repair/maintenance service tasks are to be performed on as-needed Task Order basis. The Contractor that provides overhead cranes inspection and certification is precluded from participating in this solicitation.

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) 922-4645.

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### **Construction Notices: Regional Connector, Purple Line Extension, 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.

#### Regional Connector: Excavation on Flower St Continues Southward

Work continues steadily below Flower St, with rebar and concrete installation between 4th and 5th St. South of 5th St, excavation and utility hanging is moving steadily towards the future connection to 7th St/Metro Center Station. Ultimately, some 108,000 cubic yards of soil will be excavated from beneath Flower St. Work will continue from May 8, 2017 and continue through summer 2019.

#### Purple Line Extension Project: Utility Potholing below Wilshire Blvd

Utility potholing began to identify existing utilities below Wilshire Blvd. between Beverly Dr. and N. Crescent Dr. All work will be completed during non-peak hour traffic times. Lane closures and turn restrictions on

Wilshire Blvd. will be required for this work. Two lanes will always be maintained on Wilshire Blvd. both eastbound and westbound. Communication efforts will be ongoing to provide stakeholders sufficient notice prior to work starting in specific areas.

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

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"Let us reform our lazy limbs and train them to become vibrant and diligent."

~ Dosan Ahn Chang Ho

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