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### Metro Receives First Electric Bus of Forty to Be Delivered

Last week during the regular meeting for the Metro Board of Directors, we took the opportunity to showcase the first zero-emission electric bus delivered to the agency. This first electric bus was parked out on the Patsaouras Bus Plaza for public viewing and is one of 40 buses to be delivered to Metro over the next year that will be placed into service on the popular Orange Line in 2020. The bus, manufactured by New Flyer, can be recharged at various locations along the Orange Line between North Hollywood and Chatsworth. The Metro Board in 2017 directed the agency to work to convert its fleet to an entirely zero emission fleet by 2030 so we are pleased to receive our first bus in our work to reach this goal.



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## Bisnow Long Beach Boom

Last Tuesday, I was in Long Beach to participate in the Bisnow Long Beach Boom gathering for community leaders and developers to discuss the booming commercial real estate development, future growth and investment in Long Beach. Mayor of Long Beach and Metro Board Member Robert Garcia delivered the opening keynote followed by two panel discussions related to driving forces of growth in the city and commercial real estate dynamics. It was my pleasure to close out the convening with remarks related to Metro's role in development around Metro stations and properties including Transit Oriented Communities (TOC), as well as how Metro will continue to improve mobility throughout the Gateway Cities region.

I provided an overview of the New Blue Project, informed them of the status of Measure M projects and the 28 by 2028 initiative, and mentioned project acceleration and the West Santa Ana Branch. I also fielded a few good questions from the audience related to Metro's funding sources, how Metro seeks to work with the county and cities to leverage property development for TOC's, and the timeline for the hotspots projects for certain interchanges on the I-710 South freeway. This was a great opportunity to remind the Long Beach real estate and development community of the critical need to maintain and support efficient mobility throughout the region and how TOC's are a smart and sustainable investment in the city of Long Beach.



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## SLT Unplugged with Chief of Staff and Chief Innovation Officer

Last week, two members the Metro Senior Leadership Team participated in the latest installment of SLT Unplugged. Chief of Staff Nadine Lee and Chief Innovation Officer Joshua Schank had the opportunity to interview each other in a casual atmosphere on topics such as personal experiences, accomplishments, career paths and everyday life. Staff in attendance and viewing via livestream had the opportunity to hear about their personal life such as Nadine's interest and commitment to ballet as well as Joshua's future goal of becoming a stand-up comedian. Stay tuned for more details on the next installment of SLT Unplugged. To view this episode of SLT Unplugged, click [here](#).



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### **ALMA Hosts Café Con Leche with New Chief Planning Officer**

The Advancement of Latinos at Metro Association (ALMA) hosted a meet and greet today to introduce Metro Chief Planning Officer and one of the newest Latino members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), James de la Loza. The informal rendezvous was held in the Mulholland Conference room where de la Loza introduced himself, informed the audience of his background and experience, and spoke a bit about where Metro was 15 years ago when he left the agency and what he sees for the future of Metro. The room was set-up with an open, chair-less area to encourage free dialogue and the opportunity for attendees to approach de la Loza to introduce themselves following his opening remarks. Attendees ranged from SLT members, summer interns, and curious passersby, all of whom totaled to nearly 70 guests.

Throughout the event, de la Loza was conversing with groups of employees and individuals, answering questions about future policies, personal stories and his time at Metro before his return. De la Loza felt this event was very welcoming and emphasized a significant aspect of the agency's culture: diversity. Affinity groups at Metro, such as ALMA, are excellent pillars to promote and strengthen Metro's diversity while providing a vehicle toward mentorships, professional development and networking. We thank Diane Corral-Lopez, Executive Officer, Operations and President of ALMA, and her ALMA team for hosting this informative event and certainly thank James for his enthusiasm to meet and greet his Metro family.

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### **Metro Art Receives Two "Best of Downtown" Recognitions from Downtown News**

I am proud to announce that Metro Art has received a "Best of Downtown" Reader Recommended recognition from Downtown News for its Metro Rail Art Tours. In addition, Union Station was named "Best Unexpected Place for Free Culture," with a mention of a "steady diverse and surprising lineup of activities" including poetry readings, music, movies and more. These recognitions demonstrate how the inclusion of the arts throughout our Metro system enhances and enlivens the customer experience for Metro riders. You can read about the tours and the docents who lead them on [The Source](#) and read the full Best of Downtown issue, [here](#).

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### **Metro Women Promotions Quarterly Update**

Professional development and career advancement is critical to the success of this agency which is why I approved a Women and Girls Governing Council (WGGC) initiative focusing on recognizing the advancement of women at Metro. The goal of this initiative is to help promote career pathway identification, improve leadership perceptions and provide opportunities for informal mentorships. All promotions of women at Metro are publicized on the WGGC internal [page](#) on a weekly basis. As of the end of June 2019, we have publicized 394 female promotions by acknowledging their achievements, years of service and career pathway in hopes of empowering and influencing other women to seek promotions.

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### **Procurement Postings**

#### Liquid Waste Removal Services (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure liquid waste removal services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, July 29, 2019 through Thursday, November 7, 2019.

Metro requires the services of a licensed, permitted and experienced contractor to remove, transport and dispose of hazardous and non-hazardous liquid waste as defined by Federal and State of California environmental laws, from Metro clarifiers, sump pits, trenches, hoists, pits, water/oil separators, waste fuel tanks, elevators and escalators pits, storage tanks and caustic tanks that are located at various Metro facilities through-out Los Angeles County.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Greg Baker, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7577.

#### Renewable Natural Gas (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) in support of Metro's bus fleet. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, July 24, 2019 through Friday, January 24, 2020.

The procurement is for RNG to transition Metro's compressed natural gas bus fleet from the use of traditional "fossil" natural gas into renewable natural gas.

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.

#### Sustainability Engineering Services for Solid Waste, Recycling and Hazardous Waste Compliance (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a Consultant to provide engineering services to design and manage Metro's solid waste, recycling and hazardous waste compliance. The consultant shall be responsible for designing mission critical plans associated with waste management, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, decrease air pollutants, reduce solid and liquid waste generation, manage hazardous waste, and increase recycle and diversion from landfill.

The resultant Contract, if awarded, will be federally funded, and is subject to fiscal year funding FY19 through FY 22. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from July 30 through January 23, 2020.

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.

#### Enterprise Wide Emergency Management Incident Crisis Management Software (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide an Enterprise Wide Emergency Management Incident Crisis Management Software. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, July 30, 2019 through Thursday, October 3, 2019.

Metro is seeking a contractor to provide crisis incident management system software and hardware for the Metro Emergency Management Department and the Emergency Operations Center.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Manchi Yi, Principal Contract Administrator, at (213) 418-3332.

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#### **Construction Notices: Purple Line Extension, Orange Line, I-5**

Purple Line Extension Project: Weekend Utility Work on Wilshire Blvd.

The design-build contractor for the Purple Line Extension Project Section 2 continues utility work on Wilshire Blvd. between El Camino Dr. and Crescent Dr. Work includes potholing, sewer line relocation, water line relocation, and storm drain replacement. To expedite work, these activities will continue weekends beginning July 20, 2019 through September 29, 2019 from 8am to 8pm. Lane closures, crosswalk closures, and sidewalk closures will be required for this work. One lane will remain open in each direction on Wilshire Blvd.

Purple Line Extension Project: Westbound Wilshire Blvd. Closure at Western Ave.

Beginning Monday, July 29, and continuing through Monday, August 5, westbound Wilshire Blvd. will be closed to all traffic at Western Ave, from midnight to 6am. This closure supports the removal and relocation of the tunnel boring machine from the Western staging yard to the North La Brea Yard.

Temporary closure of Orange Line North Hollywood Station Bus Terminal to start July 28

Metro plans to convert its entire fleet of buses to zero emission buses by 2030. The first phase of the transition will launch on the Orange Line with the deployment of battery electric buses. To accommodate the new buses, Metro will be installing bus charging stations at the Orange Line North Hollywood Station. Due to this construction activity, the Orange Line North Hollywood bus terminal will be closed beginning Sunday, July 28, through Oct. 31.

The temporary pick up/drop off locations will be relocated to the following:

- Board buses at northwest corner of Lankershim and Chandler.
- Exit buses at southeast corner of Lankershim and Cumpston.

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

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"Better keep yourself clean and bright. You are the window through which you must see the world."

~ George Bernard Shaw

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