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Transportation Research Board Congestion Pricing Workshop

Yesterday, January 12, I was at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington D.C. to participate in a workshop for Transportation Research Board's (TRB) 99th Annual Meeting. The workshop, "Cross-Cutting Issues in Urban Congestion Pricing", consisted of three Panels focusing on existing and planned international and North American congestion pricing programs, including cordon and parking pricing. The first panel focused on congestion pricing options and existing international programs, thus providing a common definition and level of information about Congestion Pricing. Cities represented included, London, Stockholm, Milan and Singapore.

I participated on the second panel which focused on proposed and planned congestion pricing programs in North America, including New York City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington DC, and Vancouver. The third panel brought about together speakers from Panels 1 and 2 in a facilitated discussion to address issues identified through audience polling. Of key interest was whether lessons could be learned from the existing programs and the extent to which these translate to the North American experience. This was a very productive conversation and a helpful educative session as we here at LA Metro begin to explore study and explore our options related to congestion pricing.

A New Year Dialogue with the South Los Angeles Faith Leaders Roundtable

On Friday, January 10, I met with about 40 faith leaders from South Los Angeles to gather feedback that will help

shape several key Metro programs. During the meeting, Pastor Boyd from First AME shared how partnering with Metro for the LIFE and TCAP programs has led to valuable benefits for the community and I highlighted several accomplishments Metro achieved in 2019 in collaboration with South LA faith leaders.

Metro staff facilitated small group discussions focused on homelessness outreach on the Metro system, Joint Development and affordable housing, and ways to engage the South LA faith community. Feedback ranged from leaders noting their appreciation for Metro authentically listening to the faith community to the need to include clergy early on in discussions around affordable housing.

The South LA Faith Leaders Roundtable is part of Metro's Regional Faith Leaders Outreach Program that aims to build relationships with faith leaders and their congregants countywide and to identify ways to collaborate, so we may better serve the community. For more information on these meetings, email Patricia Soto at sotopa@metro.net.

Procurement Postings

ExpressLanes Channelizers & Epoxy (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure channelizers and epoxy for Metro's ExpressLanes. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, January 10, 2020 through Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

This procurement is for 15,000 channelizers posts and 170 barrels of epoxy for Metro's ExpressLanes in support of Metro's Congestion Reduction program.

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

Hybrid Mid-size Sedans (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure Hybrid Mid-Size Sedans. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, January 8, 2020 through Thursday, April 30, 2020.

Metro is seeking a vendor to supply twenty-three (23) Hybrid Mid-Size Sedans to support Metro's Rail Operations. 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 Juelene Close, Sr. Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1066.

Wi-Fi Access Points Installation at Various (14) Rail & Bus Divisions (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a Contractor to install new conduits from existing designated building's communication room to existing light poles and to the added new poles via pull boxes, as indicated on site plans for Metro's Wi-Fi system installation. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, January 15, 2020 to Thursday, May 14, 2020.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Diana Dai-Tsang, Principal Contract Administrator, at (213) 418-3310.

Audit Services Staff Augmentation Bench (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to establish an Audit Services Staff Augmentation Bench. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, January 13, 2020 through Friday, June 5,

2020.

Management Audit Services (MAS) Department seeks to establish an audit services staff augmentation bench to assist the department in its recurring need for external audit assistance in accomplishing its goals and objectives. Most of the work done by the Department consists of assurance and consulting work. Assurance consists primarily of operational or performance audits including audits focused on information technology, construction, transit related operations and procurement processes, attestation engagements (examination, review, agreed-upon procedures), contract audits (e.g. Pre-award, Incurred Cost, Buy America, U.S. Employment Plan, etc.), compliance audits, and grant audits. On the other hand, consulting consists of non-audit services that are intended to be more advisory in nature and that are usually performed at the request of the Metro Board or Metro Management.

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.

Highway Program Project/Program Delivery Support Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit firms to provide On Call support for the Metro Highway Program department. The blackout period is expected to run from Friday January 17, 2020 through Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

Metro will seek proposals from well-qualified firms to provide On Call services including design plans, specification, estimates, studies reports and other technical documents that will support and facilitate completion of highway projects.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Andrew Conriquez, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-3528.

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, Orange Line, I-5

Regional Connector: Street Restoration closures at 1st/Alameda in DTLA

Street restoration at the 1st St and Alameda St intersection is now scheduled to start January 10, 2020. Plan ahead as lane reductions and road closures will be in place through the summer, as this work will be completed in two stages, each lasting approximately four months.

This effort marks the transition into the final phase of construction for the Regional Connector and brings it one step closer to testing and revenue operation. To learn more, click [here](#).

Purple Line Extension: Orange Grove Closure at Wilshire Blvd

Orange Grove Ave. south of Wilshire Blvd. and north of 8th St. will be closed for 8 months starting Friday, October 18. The existing sound walls will be extended west to surround the closure area, which is required to construct the Wilshire/Fairfax Station. Residents of Orange Grove Ave. will continue to have access.

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

"Big doors swing on little hinges."

~ W. Clement Stone



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