



# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### **Metro Participates at the 2020 VerdeXchange Conference**

Last week, I participated in a panel discussion at the 13th Annual VerdeXchange Conference on "Reimagining a Metropolis through the Investment in Transportation" with Mayor of City of Inglewood and Metro Board Chair James Butts and Metrolink CEO Stephanie Wiggins to share what's in-market, about-to-be-in-market and needed-in-market to strategically align and optimize clean energy and decarbonization solutions. I explained that as part of our Vision 2028 Strategic Plan, Metro is dedicated to the sustainability of L.A. County's people, environment, and economy. Our commitment means we design, build, operate and maintain infrastructure – and the development around our infrastructure – to meet current needs, without compromising the future. My discussion included the Electric Bus Program, Traffic Reduction Study, P3 opportunities, Metro's Vision 2028 Strategic Plan, major rail projects, transit school, and Transit Oriented Communities. Metro Board of Directors Eric Garcetti and Mark Ridley Thomas also participated at the conference as well as Metro's Chief of Staff Nadine Lee and Chief Innovation Officer Joshua Shank.

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### **Metro Proudly Celebrates Black History Month**

We are pleased to join Metro's African American Employees Association (AAEA) and the rest of the country in celebrating Black History Month throughout the month of February. The month-long celebration began in 1976 following a history of various celebrations by Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland. February was the chosen month to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

This is a month to celebrate the significant accomplishments, achievements, advancements and broken barriers made by Black and African Americans throughout United States history. At Metro, we want to especially acknowledge trailblazers in the transportation and infrastructure industries.

AAEA encourages all Metro employees to celebrate the historic contributions of African-Americans by participating in events that will be held throughout LA County.

2020 African American Heritage Month exhibition, *Stand Up: The Art and Politics of Comedy*

City of Los Angeles

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 (Opening) - Feb. 29, 2020

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

200 N. Spring St., 3rd Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Metro Rail/Bus Accessible)

2020 African-American Heritage Month Worship Service

Sunday, February 9, 2020

9:55 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

First AME Church of Los Angeles

2270 South Harvard Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90018

Guest vocalist (Jennifer Holiday)

Pan African Film and Arts Festival (PAFF)

February 11 - 23, 2020

Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Mall

3650 Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd

Los Angeles, CA 90008

<https://www.paff.org/>

PAFF is the largest film and art event in the world.

(Metro Rail/Bus Accessible)

COMTO SoCal Black History Month Mixer and Recognition Awards

Thursday, February 13, 2020

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

California African-American Museum

600 State Drive LA, CA 90037

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**APTA Business Members Annual Meeting on Capital and Small Business Programs**

On Friday, January 31, Chief of Vendor and Contact Management Officer, Debra Avila and I attended the APTA Business Members annual meeting to discuss critical issues shaping business member interests in public transportation. The program included sessions and interactive discussions on the impact of new technologies, demographic change, ridership challenges, working with transit CEO's, and maximizing the power of sponsorships. I provided a high-level overview of Metro's Capital and Small Business Programs, explaining that at Metro, we believe

small businesses are essential to building and maintaining our fast-growing transportation network. Ultimately, our commitment is to increase the number of small businesses that are certified with Metro so they can proactively participate in the procurement process. We want to make sure that small businesses can compete fairly with the big companies and make it as easy as possible to work with Metro by creating a level playing field.

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### **NextGen Bus Plan Workshops Begin on a High Note**

We kicked-off our NextGen workshops on Saturday with more than 120 people joining us at LA Trade Technical College in downtown Los Angeles. Over three hours, members of the public learned about the draft Plan, spoke with staff, used interactive tools to view line-specific proposals, and shared their thoughts. This was the first of nearly two dozen workshops planned through March around the County. This week, we have workshops scheduled for Tuesday, February 4th in San Pedro and Wednesday, February 5th in Van Nuys. Go to [metro.net/nextgen](http://metro.net/nextgen) to use the interactive tools and view more information about upcoming workshops.





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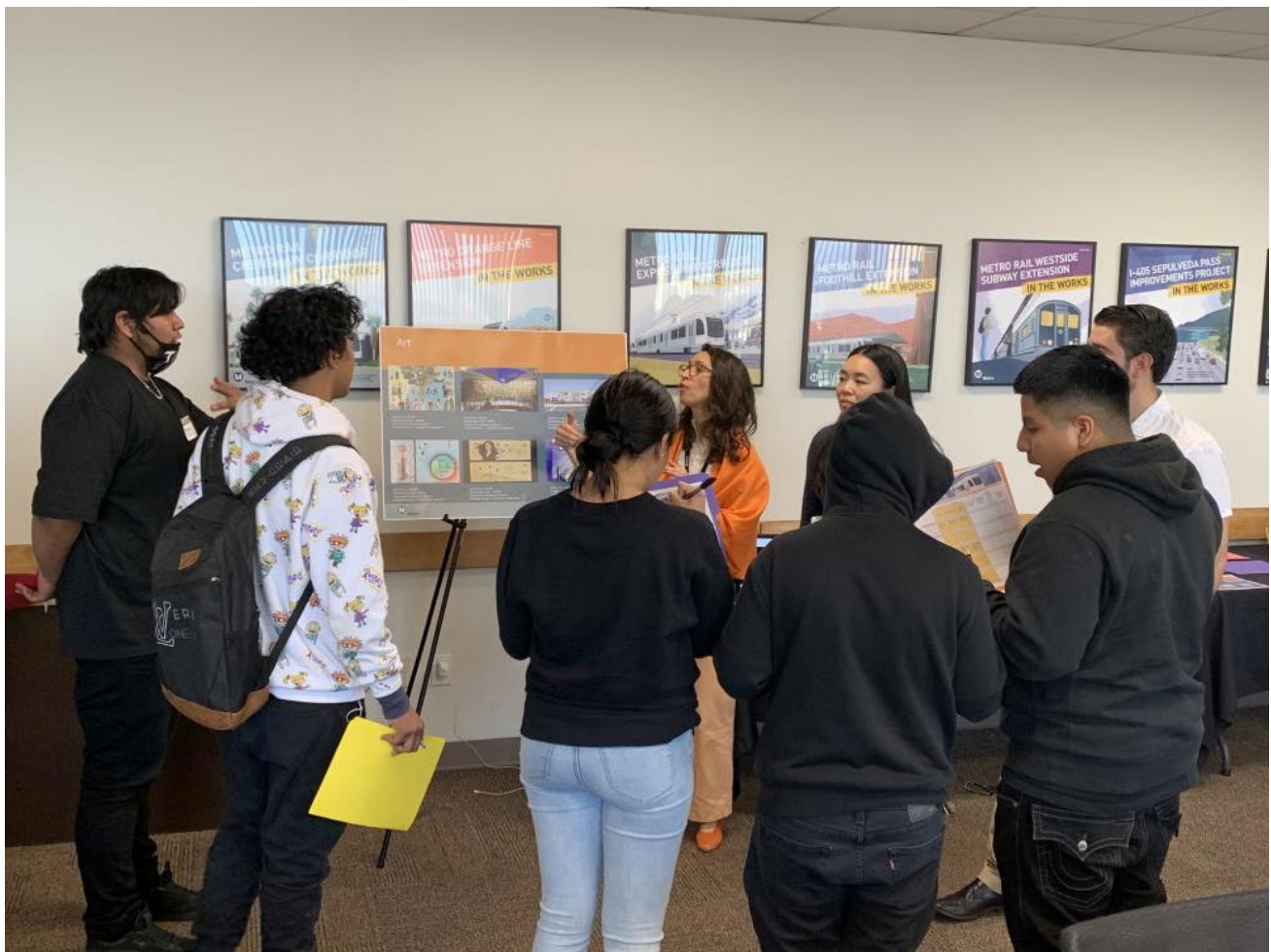
### **Metro Kick's Off the Second Annual Youth Career Experience Program**

On Wednesday, January 29, I kicked off the second annual Metro Youth Career Experience Program (MYCE). This youth engagement program uses project based learning activities to expose and educate high school students to the development stages, strategies and career pathways involved in a capital improvement project affecting their local community. This year, we used the Regional Connector project as the case study to engage students.

In this first module, we introduced students from three different local high schools to careers in Transportation Planning, Architecture, Civil and Environmental Engineering. As a team, students worked with their peers and Metro staff to build a light rail station by selecting architectural elements, developing a budget and schedule for their project while considering the community's feedback for each element. Students were given a budget to purchase design features to modernize their station by including landscaping, lighting, security, signage, and art while maintaining a schedule and keeping the project within budget.

In this second year, we have connected our MYCE curriculum to California State Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards to allow participating students to earn high school credit towards graduation. A special thanks to all internal stakeholders from Human Capital & Development, Program Management, Communications, System Security & Law Enforcement, and Planning for coming together and making this program happen for a second year.





### **Metro's Leadership Academy Class of 2020 Kick Off**

On Monday, January 27, the Metro Leadership Academy Class of 2020 kicked off the program's fifth year with 40 participants from multiple departments and levels of the organization. This 12-month program has attracted over 150 employees who have committed themselves to learning and development, beyond their regular roles at Metro. The program leaves participants with a heightened awareness of personal leadership style, enhanced self-confidence, individual influence and leadership development for a stronger corporate succession plan.



### **Gathering with the Westside Faith Community**

Last Thursday, January 30, I hosted a Faith Leaders Roundtable with religious leaders from the Westside to learn

more about Metro and provide us feedback about our homelessness outreach program on the Metro system, transformative projects in the Westside like the Sepulveda Transit Corridor and Purple Line Extension, and the latest about the NextGen Bus Plan. This Roundtable is one of many efforts Metro has been working on to manifest my vision for engaging the faith community so that we may collaboratively design and improve Metro programs to benefit communities. Some leaders in attendance have supported Metro's efforts in the past, including the passage of Measure M, and I look forward to this partnership and more strengthening with the Westside faith community moving forward.

You can learn more about Metro's Regional Faith Leaders Outreach Initiative by contacting Patricia Soto at [sotopa@metro.net](mailto:sotopa@metro.net).



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## **Procurement Postings**

### Servo-Drive, Turret Press Punch (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure a servo-drive, turret press punch. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, January 24, 2020 through Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

This procurement is for one (1) Servo-Drive, Turret Press Punch in support of Operations at Metro Central Maintenance Facility.

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.

### Technology Infrastructure Engineering Support Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Information Technology Infrastructure Engineering support. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, February 4, 2020 through Friday, July 24, 2020.

The purpose of this RFP is to find contractors that can supply Metro's Technology Infrastructure Engineering Services with professional services through qualified professionals who possess various technology infrastructure cabling, data communication security, and AV system services outlined in the SOW on a task order basis.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by the Contract Administrator, Victor Zepeda, at [zepedav@metro.net](mailto:zepedav@metro.net).

**Metro Rail Operations (ROC) and Central Maintenance Facility (CMF) Building 3 Emergency Generator Replacement (IFB) - Small Business Prime**

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure a contractor to provide the removal of the existing generator set and accessories, furnish and install a new diesel-fueled engine backup Generator assembly at ROC located at 2000 E. Imperial Highway, Los Angeles, California 90059 and at CMF Bldg. 3 at 470 Bauchet St, Los Angeles, CA 90012. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from February 2, 2020 to April 21, 2020.

The intent of this project is to provide emergency backup generator needed to support Metro's 24/7 operation.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Vanessa Vingno, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7574.

**Eleven-Foot Utility Trucks (IFB)**

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure four (4) Eleven-Foot Utility Trucks. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, January 15, 2020 through Thursday, April 30, 2020.

Metro is seeking a vendor to supply four (4) eleven-foot utility trucks in support of Metro Bus 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.

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**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](#).

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6:30am - 7pm (Monday - Friday)

8:00am - 4:30pm (Saturday/Sunday)