

CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

Phillip A. Washington
Chief Executive Officer

Monday, April 6, 2020

In this Issue

- **Meeting with Governor Newsom and the Southern California Leadership Council**
- **RailVolution National Steering Committee Meeting**
- **What's on Your Mind - Social Media Highlights**
- **Procurement Postings**
- **Construction Notices**

Meeting with Governor Newsom and the Southern California Leadership Council

On April 1, I joined a video conference call with Governor Gavin Newsom and former California Governors and southern California leaders from various industries as part of the Southern California Leadership Council (SCLC). I was pleased to be in the distinguished company of three former California Governors - Arnold Schwarzenegger, Gray Davis and Pete Wilson - to urge Governor Newsom to support a robust federal infrastructure investment to stimulate economic recovery. I further urged the naming of a Recovery Czar which would help to focus the State's efforts as we begin the process of revitalizing the State's economy. Other topics of discussion included the current state of the healthcare system, housing situations as well as economic impacts on business in Southern California. This was a very important and informative meeting given the current situation effecting all industries and sectors across the globe and I look forward to keep this conversation moving with this group of leaders.



RailVolution National Steering Committee Meeting

On Thursday, April 2, I joined the RailVolution National Steering Committee Meeting via Zoom to co-present on Metro's Equity Framework with Metro Executive Officer, Equity and Race, KeAndra Cylear Dodds. I opened the presentation with an overview of the Equity Framework which was approved by the Metro Board in 2018 and has been advancing since then. Access to opportunity is a core concept to public decision making, public investment, and public service, and Metro as a transportation leader can and will address any disparities to access to opportunities.

The Equity Platform is built around four pillars: Define and Measure, Listen and Learn, Focus and Deliver, Train and Grow. The Equity Platform is a framework intended to shape specific analyses and actions going forward, and this new position at Metro that KeAndra has been hired for will be delivering on these actions. Following our presentation we closed out the meeting with a Q&A which raised important questions related to equity and our response to the COVID-19 crisis and service challenges.

What's on Your Mind - Social Media Highlights

Metro urges the public to please stay home so we can continue to serve our health care workers, grocery store employees, first responders and others who need public transit the most. If you have not yet seen the recent video Metro produced to convey this message - you can view it on the Metro Los Angeles YouTube channel or press Play, below.

I want to again personally thank all of our frontline employees serving the public at a time of importance like no other. Below is just a small testament from the Facebook and Twitter-worlds showing appreciation and thanks to Metro's essential employees.



April 2, 2020 - 1:09pm • View Post



L. @LOrtiz62

2 · Unlike



Anthony J. Calhoun @ajcemcee

1 · Unlike

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, Purple 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 underway and scheduled to last through August 31, 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: Utility Potholing on Constellation Blvd East of Avenue of the Stars

Starting Monday, February 17 the construction contractor continued with utility potholing on the north side of Constellation Blvd. to identify utility and soil conditions near the future station entrance. Night-time lane and sidewalk closures will be required for this work. All other lanes and sidewalks will remain accessible. To learn more, click [here](#).

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

"The beautiful thing about L.A. is that you have 50 countries in one county. Diversity brings power and muscle."

~ Max Azria

[Press Room](#) | [Project & Programs](#) | [Meeting Agendas](#) | [Riding Metro](#) | [Metro Library](#)



You have subscribed to receive Metro information, [manage subscriptions](#), or [unsubscribe](#).

Your privacy is important to us, please review the [Privacy Policy](#).

View this email [online](#).

© 2019 Metro, 1 Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012, United States

Bus & Rail Transit information

323.GO.METRO (323.466.3876)

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

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