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#### 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.





Shoeshinegirl #SaferAtHome 👸 @ 🕐 🔵 🜆 🖢 🔐 🖓 @Shoeshinegirl57 April 2, 2020 - 1:09pm • View Post

You are cleaning/sanitizing everything from top to bottom on buses, buildings. I see your bus drivers and everyone who I've seen, are wearing masks and gloves. They are following the guidelines. I am proud of your MTA drivers and the entire @metrolosangeles organization.



L. @LOrtiz62

In reply to @metrolaalerts

March 31, 2020 - 2:11pm • View Post

Thank you MTA, and all MTA employees, for providing safe transportation for those of us who have no other choice. 🎔 🙏 #TakeCare



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In reply to @metrolosangeles Anthony J. Calhoun @ajcemcee

March 27, 2020 - 3:09pm • View Post

Thank you, thank you, thank you for providing consistent reliable transportation in not only one of the largest cities/counties within the United States, but especially during this difficult #coronavirus times.  $\bigcup \bigcup \bigcup \bigcup \land \land \land \land \oslash \heartsuit \heartsuit \oslash us$ 



# **Procurement Postings**

# Landscape and Irrigation Services - Bus and Rail Facilities (RFP)

Metro released a request for Proposal (RFP) to procure the services of a qualified and licensed contractor to provide landscape and irrigation maintenance services throughout the Metro transit facilities, Metro Park & Ride Lots, Caltrans Park & Ride Lots, and specific bus and rail facilities. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, April 2, 2020 through Friday, July 3, 2020.

The scope of service does not include tree trimming services over 13 feet high. This will be handled under a separate contract. The requested landscape and irrigation maintenance services has been split into three geographical regions as detailed in the Scope of Services. Proposers may submit Proposal Packages for one or more regions.

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, (213) 922-4654.

#### 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 <u>here.</u>

#### 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 <u>here</u>.

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

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323.GO.METRO (323.466.3876) 6:30am - 7pm (Monday - Friday) 8:00am - 4:30pm (Saturday/Sunday)