

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### **Path Forward: Webinar with U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

On Monday, April 27, I joined the virtual panel discussion “Path Forward”, a series of video conferences being hosted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce who is doing much work to prepare companies to reopen when public officials declare it safe. This discussion featured diverse view points from both the public and private sectors including APTA Chair and CEO of Santa Clara Transportation Authority Nuria Fernandez, President and COO of FedEx Corporation Raj Subramaniam and Executive Director of Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Rick Cotton. The panel was moderated by U.S. Chamber President Suzanne Clark. We had a flowing conversation on the topic of returning to work and how transit and transportation are critical components of getting Americans and businesses back to work.

I spoke about how this pandemic has reinforced the importance of transportation, how we want to make no-traffic the new normal, how we can paint a picture of cleanliness and sanitation by use of data and measuring. I mentioned how Metro is brainstorming ways transportation can assist the public-at-large in this recovery effort. Lastly, I made it very clear - there is no better time than now for Congress to pass a massive infrastructure bill to put Americans back to work and the economy on the climb.

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## Quarterly Interview on AirTalk with Larry Mantle

On Wednesday, April 29, I called in as a guest for my quarterly interview on AirTalk with Larry Mantle, 89.3 KPCC. This time around I discussed topics focused strictly on Metro's response during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. Topics discussed included the decline in transit usage, altered bus and rail service during the pandemic, financial impacts to the agency as a result of loss farebox revenue and sales tax monies, status on federal CARES Act funding, employee and passenger safety and cleanliness of the transit system. The live discussion also included several telephone calls from listeners concerning Metro's response during this pandemic with some call-in questions related to personal protection equipment, mandatory masks for riders, COVID-19 testing for frontline employees and other operations-related inquiries. I ended my interview by reminding Larry and the public that transportation is a foundation of the economy – and that everyone is really finding out the true value of our operators, custodians, and frontline employees; community heroes.

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## On The Move Riders Program Recognizes Older Americans Month 2020

May is Older Americans Month and this year's theme is "Make Your Mark" to encourage and celebrate the countless contributions that older adults make to our communities. Metro's On the Move Riders Program (OTMRP) wants to recognize the volunteer Travel Buddies who have made their mark in the support of teaching older adults to ride public transportation throughout LA County. These volunteers have selflessly devoted their time, experience and talents to benefit their neighbors. Currently, there are 54 active volunteers who lead 28 clubs throughout the County of Los Angeles. In 2019, the volunteers led 230 public transit tours for 4,145 participants. Many of their trips begin on their local community transit and can include up to two to three transfers. Since the program's inception in 2013 with 8 clubs, the program's popularity has grown year after year and it is all due to the volunteers and their dedication.

Throughout the month of May, the OTMRP team has planned several virtual activities to uplift and inspire our volunteers while they are staying safe at home during this challenging time.



## What's on Your Mind - Social Media Highlights

We are definitely thankful for all of our frontline employees; but many Metro riders build friendly relations with specific operators who they get to know through their daily scheduled arrivals. We received a shout-out

on our Metro Los Angeles Instagram page to an 81 Line Operator who is clearly exemplifying Metro professionalism and we thank her for this.

Please remember, if your travel is not essential – stay home. For those who must take Metro for essential business, please wear a mask on board Metro bus and trains.



**\_\_alex.the.great.\_\_** There's a bus driver named Toni. Drives the 81 bus. She's a nice and respectful bus driver. Please [@metrolosangeles](#) let her know that we thank her for continuing to drive for people needing to during this pandemic.



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## Procurement Postings

### Heavy Duty Pick-up Trucks (IFB)

Metro released an invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure twelve (12) heavy duty pick-up trucks. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, May 1, 2020 through Friday, July 31, 2020.

Metro is seeking a vendor to supply twelve (12) heavy duty pick-up trucks to support Metro's operations. The vendor shall furnish, deliver, warrant each vehicle and include all items/accessories required for the operational use of each vehicle. The vehicles shall be Ford F-350, GMC Sierra 3500 HD, Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD or approved equal. 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 Aryani L. Guzman, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

### 20' Stake Bed Trucks (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure four (4) 20' stake bed trucks. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, April 30, 2020 through Friday, July 31, 2020.

Metro is seeking a vendor to supply four (4) 20' stake bed trucks to support Metro's operations. The vendor shall furnish, deliver, warrant each vehicle and shall also include all items/accessories required for the operational use of each vehicle. The vehicles shall be Ford F-750 or approved equal with two-wheel drive with regular chassis. 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 Aryani L. Guzman, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

### Caliper Assemblies - Disk Brakes Front (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure front disc brake caliper assemblies. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, May 4, 2020 through Friday, September 25, 2020.

The purchase of front disc brake caliper assemblies is to maintain the bus fleet operations and avoid disruption in service. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability as outlined in the Technical Requirements on an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract basis.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may

only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at [allentm@metro.net](mailto:allentm@metro.net).

#### Phase Change Material (Division 9 Transportation Building) (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure phase change material in support of Transportation Division 9. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, April 30, 2020 through Friday, July 10, 2020.

The IFB is for the furnish and installation of phase change material required to maintain Division 9 transportation building services. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability as outlined in the Technical Requirements on a Firm Fixed Price (FFP) contract basis.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Roxane Marquez, Sr. Manager, Contract Administration at [marquezro@metro.net](mailto:marquezro@metro.net).

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

#### Purple Line Extension Project: K-Rail Work Zone Enclosures

Wilshire Blvd. between San Diego Way and La Jolla Ave. will be reduced to two lanes in each direction. Two K-Rail work zones will be implemented to support ongoing mitigation efforts in the Wilshire Blvd./Crescent Heights Blvd. area starting Monday, May 11, 2020, through Friday, August 14, 2020. Street parking will be restricted. To learn more, click [here](#).

#### 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](#).

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

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" Human suffering anywhere concerns men and women everywhere."

~ Elie Wiesel

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