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Metro Celebrates 50th Anniversary of LA PRIDE with County Supervisor Kuehl

On Wednesday, July 1, the Out@Metro affinity group, led by Metro Director of Commute Services Devon Deming, hosted a PRIDE discussion with Metro Board Member and LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. Metro staff joined the Zoom meeting to hear from Supervisor Kuehl – a true harbinger and trailblazer in the LGBTQ+ community who spoke about being the first openly gay member elected to the California State Assembly in 1994. She explained how she brought humor to conversations and how people got to know her personally, and through her time as a child-actress, which all helped to ease issues about her sexual preferences. She summed it up with a favorite quote by Shakespeare, “to thine own self be true, And it must follow, as the night the day. Thou canst not then be false to any man.” Metro employees had substantive questions including how budget impacts will impact LGBTQ+ services, how to speak to colleagues critical of Metro’s promotion and support of the LGBTQ+ community, and whether Metro would consider LGBTQ+ certifications for business and vendors.

Supervisor Kuehl served as Chair of the Metro Board of Directors through Fiscal Year 2019. She has dedicated the majority of her adult life to public service. At Metro, she has been a champion of equity, gender parity in the workforce, improving the customer experience and placing a gender lens to Metro's role as a service provider. As we navigate through alternative ways of celebration and recognition's this year, Metro is thankful for Supervisor Kuehl's participation in this event where she closed with a message to listen, take risks, don't be ashamed – be proud, and acknowledged the gay rights movement was inspired by the Civil Rights and Black Community movements of the 1960-70s.

To view a slide presentation on the LGBTQ+ History at Metro, click here:

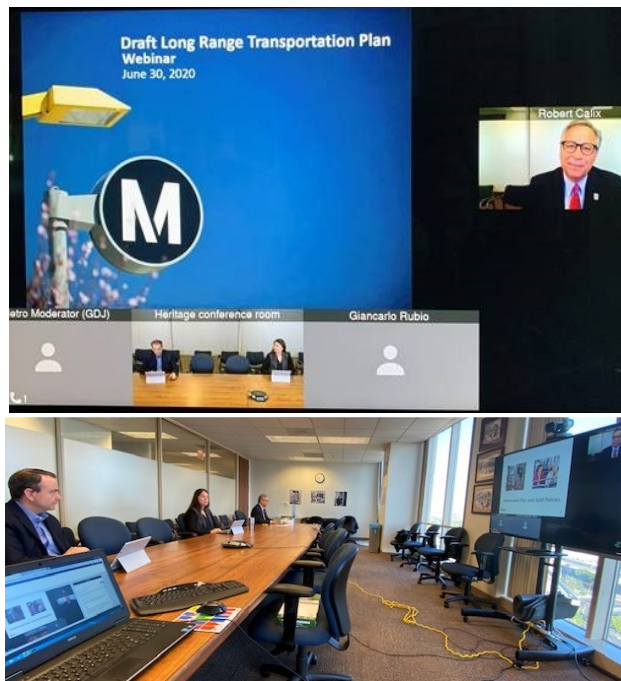
<http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DPGTL/presentations/2019-LGBTQ-Metro-History.pdf>. For more information about the Out@Metro employee group, or to be added to the email list, email OutAtMetro@metro.net. Enjoy the photo below from LA Pride 2019.



Long Range Transportation Plan Webinar

With our Draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) out for public comment, Metro hosted an online webinar on Tuesday, June 30. More than 60 people logged on and participated in the event hosted by Kalieh Honish, Mark Yamarone and David Lor from Countywide Planning, and Robert Calix from the Communications Department. The team presented an overview of the Draft LRTP including our commitment to upgrading our multimodal transportation system to enhance the quality of life for everyone in LA County. During the webinar, Metro asked viewers if the Draft LRTP captured their concerns and gave them the opportunity to ask questions about our recommendations in the LRTP.

Participant comments and questions ranged from "How is Metro going to contribute towards first/last mile travel needs?" to "How is Metro going to determine which method of transit will serve future corridors' (i.e., BRT, light rail, etc.)?" Metro is accepting public comments through July 13, 2020 and will document the input we receive so that we can include it in the final report of the Long Range Transportation Plan.



LA MEPA- Providing Inclusion and Opportunities for All Metro Employees

Metro is committed to continue to invest and create a learning environment that is geared toward attracting, developing, motivating and retaining a world-class workforce. To align with agency workforce goals, it is vital to continue to support our emerging professionals and the Career Pathways Program to prepare our future transportation leaders. Metro's affinity group, the Metro Emerging Professionals Association (MEPA), is dedicated to enhancing the career development of emerging professionals at Metro through social engagement, networking opportunities, and professional development. MEPA's goal is to continue fostering a supportive and understanding environment where all early-career and emerging professionals realize their maximum potential within the Agency. MEPA's past events included professional headshots, collaboration with the Metro Art Department for Metro Art Tours, and community service and networking events.

During this pandemic, MEPA has been creating virtual events to keep all Metro Employees engaged through these tough times. This month, LA MEPA will be having a virtual Talent Show where all employees are welcome to participate. Show off your skills by submitting a photo or video via email or Instagram by Friday, July 24, 2020 for a chance to win a Metro-themed prize.

Please reach out to the MEPA Board of Directors at LAMEPA@metro.net for any collaborations, opportunities, questions, or to be added to the email list. For more information on MEPA, please click [here](#).



What's on Your Mind - Social Media Highlights

We gotta give a shout-out to all the favorite bus drivers getting their riders safely to and from their destinations. Thanks to our Metro Operator from Line 780 for providing excellence in service and support.



maggie maggie @ma88pie

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My favorite bus driver Tamika bus 780 is going to another line .going to miss her cheerfulness @metrolosangeles #bus #busdriver #busrider



Procurement Postings

Actuarial Analysis and Valuation Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure actuarial analysis and valuation services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, July 6, 2020 through Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

Metro is seeking a qualified Contractor to provide actuarial analysis and valuation of liabilities in

order to determine adequate funding levels for Metro's self-insured Workers' Compensation and General Liability programs. This study is based on generally accepted actuarial principles and must be consistent with General Accounting Standard Board (GASB) guidelines.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Manchi Yi, Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 418-3332.

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.

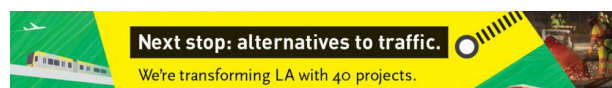
This effort marks the transition into the final phase of construction for the Regional Connector and brings it one step closer to testing and revenue operation. To learn more, click [here](#).

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

"Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence."

~ Sheryl Sandberg

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