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Conversation on Current Events at the LA Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

Last Thursday, July 9, I joined Tyrone Bland of Herbalife's global corporate affairs team and Ambassador Michael Lawson of the Los Angeles Urban League at the LA Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting for a candid discussion on the crises and challenges we are facing as a nation today. Our country and our industry are in the middle of turbulent and painful times. On the heels of the unprecedented shutdowns and economic devastation caused by COVID-19, we are faced with alarming examples of long-standing racial injustice. I shared my thoughts on the murder of George Floyd and other racial injustices, and we talked about a path forward for our community and for the nation.

My lived experience with racism is one reason why the hallmark of my tenure as CEO of LA Metro has been ensuring equity both in the services we provide to the community and within our agency. This has been evidenced by our standing up an Office of Race and Equity, advancing our Board-

adopted Equity Platform, including LA Metro in the Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE) cohort and ensuring diversity on my senior leadership team. It was my pleasure to join the LA Area Chamber Board Meeting as these conversations and shared experiences must continue to drive real change throughout this country.

Metro Commemorates Fourth Anniversary of Bike Share Program with Improved Smart Phone App, Special Summer Promotions

Last Tuesday, July 7, marked the Fourth Anniversary of the Metro Bike Share program. Since launching in 2016, the program has grown to more than 200 stations and to date, over 1 million trips have been taken. Metro Bike Share has become one of the best ways to travel in Los Angeles County, providing a safe and reliable transportation alternative especially during the COVID-19 public health crisis. In recognition of this milestone, an improved smart phone app is now available for download on both iOS and Android platforms allowing users to sign up, check out a Metro Bike and get updated information. In addition, Metro Bike Share is offering a number of summer promotions, including a free 30-day pass at no cost to COVID-19 essential workers. For more information, click [here](#) for a post on The Source, or visit metro.net/bikeshare.



Metro's 2020 Sustainability Report - Online Dashboard

Our annual Energy & Resource Report (E&RR) has a new look and name. Metro launched a public Sustainability Reporting Dashboard that allows you to see our progress and learn about some of the programs and initiatives that are making a measurable difference through a new, more interactive online platform. This dashboard replaces the annual Energy & Resource Report and will be the foundation for reporting our sustainability data moving forward. We invite you to track our progress and join our journey to build a more sustainable environment, economy and way of life for the County of Los Angeles.

The dashboard reports the 2019 calendar year data on water, energy, solid waste and greenhouse gas emissions. Data reveals that Metro's investments to improve environmental equity are paying off. We are using less water, even as the system expands with the construction of our capital projects. We are also doing our part to improve air quality for the region by continuing to electrify our fleet and integrate renewable sources of energy.

This new interactive tool will serve as the basis for an expanded, more comprehensive reporting on relevant metrics related to sustainability, resiliency, equity and environmental finance once our strategic plan, Moving Beyond Sustainability (MBS), is adopted by the Board later this summer.

To view the dashboard, click [here](#). Please send your comments and feedback to sustainability@metro.net



Recovery Task Force Held a Virtual Public Meeting

On Thursday, July 9 over 200 people joined two simultaneous virtual meetings on Metro's COVID-19 Recovery Plan (one in English and one in Spanish) to listen, learn and provide input on potential actions Metro can take to respond to the pandemic; to recover after the pandemic; to help lead an equitable economic recovery for LA County; and to advance mobility without congestion as the 'new normal' after the pandemic. Almost 60 questions or comments were received and will be assessed further by the task force.

The Task force continues to seek input on its early recommendations and ideas for additional recovery actions throughout the month of July. A meeting just for Metro employees will be held on Thursday, July 23 at 10:30 a.m. More information on that meeting will be emailed to staff. General information on the recovery plan can be found at www.metro.net/recovery



Procurement Postings

[Environmental Services and Construction Support \(RFP\)](#)

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure Environmental Services and Construction Support. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, July 7, 2020 through, Monday, December 21, 2020.

The selected proposer shall provide services to handle hazardous materials, environmental waste handling and environmentally related construction services for above ground storage tanks (AST), underground storage tanks (UST), and chemical processing facilities for Metro's major transit projects, other capital projects, and facilities improvement as outlined in the Scope of Services.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Daniel A. Robb, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7074 or Robbd@metro.net.

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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~ Michelle Obama



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