

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### All Service Councils Adopt NextGen Bus Plan

Last week, we concluded presenting the proposed NextGen Bus Plan to all five of our Service Councils. Consistent with the changes we have made throughout this effort in response to public input, the Councils continued to improve the Bus Plan at their meetings. We incorporated their suggestions and are pleased that all the proposed bus changes were adopted by the Councils.

The NextGen Bus Plan, as approved by the Councils, will be presented to the Metro Board of Directors for consideration and possible approval in October 2020. If adopted, staff will begin implementing the service changes starting in December 2020 and continuing through the two subsequent shake-ups in June and December of 2021.

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## **Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY19 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)**

I want to congratulate the Accounting Department on a successful achievement for Metro. For the seventh consecutive year, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has presented the Metro Accounting Department with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Per GFOA, the Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Keep up the great work.

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### **Metro Supports the Lakers 2020 Playoff Run**

This past Wednesday, September 23, an A Line train car was wrapped to support the Lakers during their Western Conference Finals matchup with the Denver Nuggets. Following the Lakers victory in the series, Metro continues to support the Lakers 2020 championship run by distributing commemorative Lakers TAP cards at select bus stops and rail stations in the next few days. This is part of Metro and the Lakers' ongoing efforts to give back to local communities and do a little something extra surprising for the riders and communities that we serve. Many of the cards will be distributed in low-income and underserved neighborhoods by our law enforcement partners who help patrol the Metro system. The Lakers will also be giving some of the cards to our local Boys and Girls Clubs.

The TAP cards are being handed out as part of a season-long partnership between Metro and the Lakers to promote taking transit to games. While the NBA Playoffs are in Florida this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we look forward to the day that games resume at STAPLES Center. It should continue to be a fun week of basketball in the Southland. Metro congratulates the Lakers for making it this far.

If you would like to read more about the Lakers TAP cards, please click [here](#).



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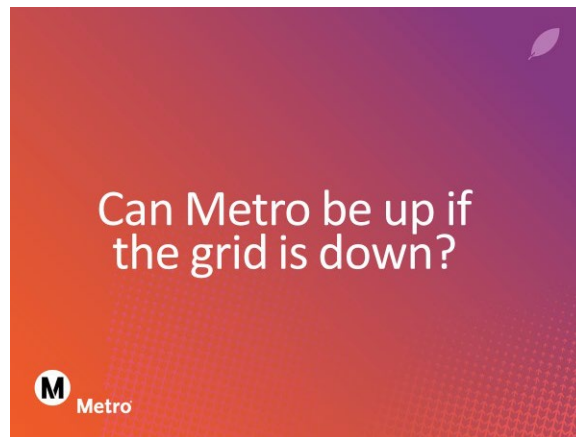
## Metro Hosts Energy Resiliency Symposium

As part of our [Energy Resiliency Series](#), Metro hosted the Energy Resiliency Symposium this past Tuesday, September 22. The virtual Symposium featured a keynote speech from Metro's Chief Sustainability Officer, Cris Liban, and a number of captivating presentations from leading companies on energy resiliency concepts and solutions that were submitted as part of the Round 1 Request for White Papers. These ideas could help shape Metro's long-range strategies for energy resilience. The event also included an expert panel discussion featuring academics, government officials, and industry professionals from across the region, including LADWP, SoCalGas, UCLA, the Office of LA Mayor and Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti and more.

The Symposium was the second event in Metro's three-part Energy Resiliency Series, designed to explore and discuss cutting edge energy and resiliency concepts and solutions. The Series is one of multiple Metro efforts designed to ensure that Metro's power system continues to be durable, efficient and cost effective.

Following the Symposium, Metro is issuing an additional Request for White Papers for selection and presentation at the final event of the Series, the Energy Resiliency Summit, which is scheduled to take place virtually on January 27, 2021. We hope you will join us as we continue to seek out innovative solutions to reduce our GHG emissions and environmental footprint, so that together we can continue working toward an energy resilient future for Los Angeles County.

For more information and resources, visit the [Energy Resiliency webpage](#) or email us at: [energyresiliency@metro.net](mailto:energyresiliency@metro.net).



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### **LA County Goods Movement Strategic Plan Telephone Townhall Meeting – All-Time High Spanish Listener Participation**

On Tuesday, September 22, Metro hosted a telephone townhall meeting on the LA County Goods Movement Strategic Plan (Plan) to provide an opportunity for residents across the County that would otherwise not have access to online and in-person outreach meetings to be informed of the Plan's purpose, of Metro's goods movement early action planning initiatives and ongoing Metro efforts on equity and inclusion. The meeting attracted almost 3,500 listeners at some point during the one-hour townhall with 266 listeners using the Spanish simulcast option.

Metro Board Directors, LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn and Jackie Dupont-Walker, and staff from Metro Board Member and LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis participated in the townhall, with the Directors providing opening comments on the importance of goods movement for LA County, the need for more sustainable and equitable investments and the opportunity to create greater economic competitiveness and employment for the region. During the meeting Metro staff solicited questions about and comments on the challenges that residents face concerning goods movement impacts and some general questions on regional mobility and Metro service.

The event was moderated by Metro's Chief Communications Officer, Yvette Rapose, and featured KeAndra Cylear-Dodds, Executive Officer for Race and Equity and Michael Cano, Deputy Executive Officer for Goods Movement & State Policy/Programming with support from Conan Cheung, Senior Executive Officer for Service Development, Scheduling & Analysis and Aston Greene, Executive Officer, System Security and Law Enforcement as subject matter experts for general Metro questions.

Providing more inclusive options for participation in Metro's planning efforts is a vital part of supporting Metro's equity platform. I would like to thank Directors Hahn, Solis and Dupont-Walker for their support for this outreach event in support of the Plan, which is based on equity and sustainability, and for Metro's goods movement planning work across LA County.

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## **Procurement Postings**

### Metro Industrial Hygiene & Environmental Laboratory Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the services of a laboratory facility to process and analyze Industrial Hygiene and Environmental samples. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, September 25, 2020 through Wednesday, December 30, 2020.

Metro is seeking the services of an experienced contractor to perform as needed industrial hygiene and environmental laboratory services. All industrial hygiene analytical procedures shall be conducted utilizing the methodologies approved and accredited by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) or National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) or the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as the case may be.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Marc Margoni, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1304.

### Photovoltaic (PV) Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Installations at Division 11,14,and 22 (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure Renewable Energy Services for the financing, design, installation, interconnection, operation and maintenance of rooftop solar arrays at Rail Divisions 11, 14, and 22. The procurement process blackout period is running from Friday, September 18, 2020 through Monday, March 8, 2021.

The selected Proposer (Seller) shall provide services via a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and License Agreement for a 25-year term as outlined in the PPA and Summary of Work.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Vanessa Vingno, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-7574.

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## **Construction Notices: LAUS Forecourt and Esplanade, Regional Connector, I-5**

### Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements Project

On-street work started for the Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements Project. Night time vehicle lane reductions and detours are expected on Alameda St, between Arcadia St and Cesar Chavez Av. and on Los Angeles St between Alameda St and 101 Fwy on-ramp. Work began on August 24, 2020 and is expected to continue for 3 weeks, Monday through Friday, 9pm -5am.

See the complete construction notice [here](#).

### Regional Connector Transit Project - Partial Street Closure Central Av

In place now, through mid-November 2020, is a partial closure of Central Av between 1st St and 2nd St to allow construction of the station's roof and street restoration as the Regional Connector Transit Project enters its last phase of at-grade construction. To view the notice of work click [here](#).

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

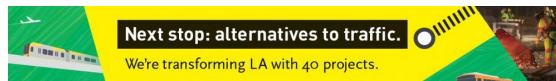
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~ Rachel Roy

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