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Annual Mayoral Housing, Transportation, and Jobs Summit

On Friday, February 19, I participated in 19th Annual Mayoral Housing, Transportation, and Jobs Summit armchair chat and panel discussion. The session began with a one-on-one chat with the moderator Phil Recht, Managing Partner, Mayer Brown, then transitioned to a panel discussion featuring Hilary Norton, Chair, California Transportation Commission; Thomas Kim, Senior Vice President & Transportation Manager, Southern CA, HDR; and David Warner, P.E., Vice President, Southern California District Leader, WSP.

The armchair chat focused on infrastructure, my work with the Biden transition team, my decision to not extend my contract and what the future holds for me and as well as the agency. We continued the infrastructure topic opening it up to the other panelists, and adding the topics of COVID recovery, ridership, congestion pricing, the future of public transportation, NextGen, and fareless transit. I informed the audience of my proudest moment being the passage of Measure M and all the work that went into the initiative, informed them of the biggest challenge being daily service and operations with all the ups

and downs of the COVID pandemic and was also asked about advice I would give to my successor.

The Summit, held in partnership with Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti and the Ziman Center for Real Estate has become one of the most anticipated educational and policy forums in Southern California aimed at addressing core issues around housing affordability, transit accessibility and equitable, economic development. I want to thank the event organizers for inviting me to this year's summit and allowing me to share my thoughts and ideas on significant topics impacting all of us in LA County.

Operations February 2021 Employees of the Month

Operations Department recognized employees from Transportation and Maintenance at last Thursday's Operations, Safety, and Customer Experience Committee Meeting as the department's February 2021 Employees of the Month.

The Transportation Employee of the Month is Ms. Rachelle Roberson, Bus Operator at Division 18 (Carson). She is a hard-working professional who is very passionate about her job working at Metro for 10 years. She has outstanding attendance and during COVID-19, she has continued to work some of our busiest bus lines. Rachelle enhances the customer experience as she genuinely enjoys customer interaction and often looks forward to coming to work to keep LA moving.

The Maintenance Employee of the Month is Mr. Russell Oshiro, Lead Plumber at Central Maintenance Facility. He also has worked at Metro for the past 10 years. He has been doing fantastic work overseeing all major Facility Maintenance (FM) projects such as Maintenance of Way/FM decentralization, lactation room build-outs, and plexi-glass and decal installation for COVID-19 health and safety improvements and compliance. Russell is very dependable and regularly meets with FM Managers to provide updates regarding his work.



Second Metro Conversations Hosted Public Dialogue about Partnering with Community Organizations to Address Food Insecurity

On February 16, more than 70 people virtually gathered for the second Metro Conversations event to learn about the partnership between Metro, [First 5 LA](#), [Antelope Valley Partners for Health](#), [Para Los Niños](#) and others in First 5 LA's [Best Start Community Network](#), which has been delivering food and essential goods to families in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moderated by Julia Brown from Metro Community Relations, the panel discussion featured Shaun Miller with Metro's Office of Extraordinary Innovation, Debbie Sheen with First 5 LA, Cecelia Gibson with Antelope Valley Partners for Health, and Brenda Aguilera from Para Los Niños. The panelists discussed how Metro's Mobility on Demand partnership with Via helped reduce delivery recipients' exposure to COVID-19 while providing a much-needed service to food-insecure families. They addressed the reality of food insecurity in LA County – 1 in 4 households struggle with food insecurity - as well as challenges they have met to serve families in need during the pandemic.

Attendees engaged in dialogue with the panelists, asking whether Metro expects to continue providing this service after the pandemic, what the organizations do with surplus food if any exists and how this type of partnership could be expanded countywide. Metro will relaunch a new food delivery partnership this month for up to 12 months to continue serving families with First 5 LA's Best Start Communities. To watch the recording of the conversation, please click [here](#).

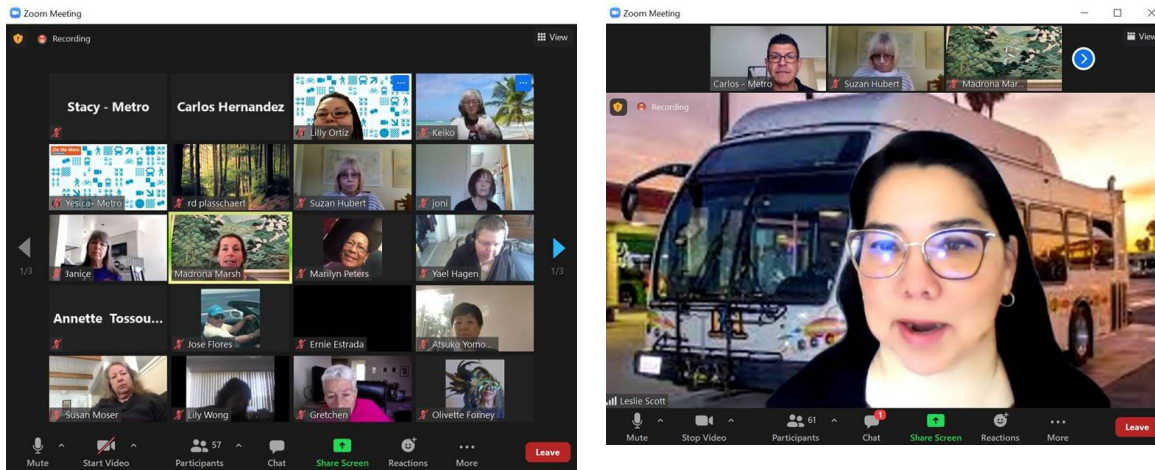
Metro Conversations is a quarterly web series, where Metro staff and our partners discuss stories about Metro's work that is little-known but enhances the quality of life in LA County. The program aligns with Metro's efforts to listen and learn from LA County communities. To learn more about Metro Conversations, contact the team at metrospeaks@metro.net.



Metro's On The Move Riders Program Host South Bay Virtual Event

Metro's On the Move Riders Program (OTMRP) hosted the South Bay edition of the virtual Older Adult Transportation Pop-Up event on Tuesday, February 16. The event hosted 65 older adult attendees and featured a virtual tour of the must-see Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center, an overview of the convenient transportation services provided by

Beach Cities Transit and some delicious and transit-friendly destinations to visit in the the South Bay region. The event was successful in providing local transit information and inspiring future travel on public transportation. These events usually take place in-person and are held in each of the five regions throughout LA County. The Transportation Pop-Ups serve to connect older adults with public transportation information and other relevant resources.



Procurement Postings

Metro - USG - Holiday Decorations Installation (RFP)

Metro has released a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking the services of a skilled, creative and experienced firm to install, remove and store annual holiday decorations for its Headquarters property at Union Station East (USE). This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, February 19, 2021 through Friday, April 23, 2021.

Contractor shall be required to provide labor, transportation, parking, insurance, equipment, supplies and materials to execute all holiday installations. Contractor shall also be responsible for annual storage of Metro-owned holiday decorations stored at its facility.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Steven Dominguez, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3158.

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

Regional Connector Transit Project - Closure of Temple St. for Alameda Tunnel Box

Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) implemented an extended closure of Temple St between Alameda St and Garey St for the construction of the Alameda Tunnel Box. The 24/7 closure began on Friday, January 29, 2021 and will continue for approximately six months. To view the notice of work click, [here](#).

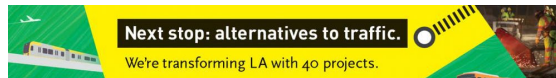
Purple Line Extension Project: Utility Relocation on Ashton Ave and Midvale Ave
Metro contractors will conduct utility relocation for the sanitary sewer lines on Wilshire Blvd., Westwood Blvd., Ashton Ave., and Midvale Ave. in preparation for the Purple (D Line) Extension Section 3 project. Work is scheduled to begin on February 10, 2021, and will take approximately 2 months to complete. To view the notice of work click [here](#).

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

"People might not get all they work for in this world, but they must certainly work for all they get."

~ Frederick Douglass

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