

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### **Metro Proudly Recognizes International Women's Day**

Today, March 8, is International Women's Day and the theme this year is "Choose to Challenge." A challenged world is an alert world and from challenge comes change. I challenge myself every day to make the best decisions at Metro and suggest you challenge yourselves on biases, questioning stereotypes, and celebrating all achievements of women around the world, and close to you. It is our goal to continue to inspire and empower all women at Metro to grow and learn at their full potential.

Metro is proud of the role we have taken in the advancement and professional development of our employees. Through merit, access, and opportunities we continue to grow female representation in both executive positions and in the workforce at-large. Through the strong support of our Board of Directors and our partnerships with organizations like Women in Non Traditional Employment Roles (WINTER), we continue to push for access and opportunities for women to join the workforce on our expansive construction portfolio. Thanks again to everyone who plays a role in gender equity and the advancement of women at Metro.

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## **UC Davis Hosts 3 Revolutions Future Mobility Conference**

On Wednesday, March 3, I participated in a panel for the 3 Revolutions Future Mobility Policy Conference hosted by the UC Davis Policy Institute for Energy, Environment, and the Economy, and the Institute of Transportation Studies. The conference believes that 3 Revolutions (shared mobility, electrification and automation) are together mapping a blueprint for a sustainable and equitable transportation future. This virtual conference looked towards Washington, D.C. to focus on the federal and state roles in shaping policy to steer the 3 Revolutions towards a better future.

Susie C. Pike, Faculty Researcher, Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Davis delivered a presentation on her research on transit payment integration and P3s. I followed that with remarks about Metro's Fareless System Initiative (FSI) and how we must re-imagine mobility as we recover from the pandemic. Housing and transportation are the two biggest expenses for households – imagine how big of an impact a fareless system would be for LA Metro riders who are nearly 70% low income. We must think bold. I informed them that a leading concept has emerged from our FSI Task Force to do a fareless pilot program that would provide free rides on Metro for low-income riders and K-12 students. The panel went through several other topics and opened it up to Q&A.

I want to thank the moderator Dan Sperling, Founding Director, Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Davis for inviting me to be a part of this discussion. Also, thanks to my fellow panelists Susie C. Pike; Krista Glotzbach, Partnerships Lead, Via; and Chris Pangilinan, Head of Global Policy for Public Transportation, Uber.

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## **Metro/CalTrans Highway Construction Collaboration Forum**

Metro Vendor Contract Management (VCM)/Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD), co-hosted a joint Metro/CalTrans-D7 Highway Construction forum. Brad Owens, Project Engineering EO and his CalTrans counterpart Robert So, described upcoming Highway projects to over 300 registered guests. Tashai Smith, DEO of Small Business Programs, Ivan Page, EO Construction, Abdollah Ansari, Sr EO, Highway Capital Projects, presented regarding issues including Prompt Payment, post award processes, post bid timelines, payment disputes and the impact on contracting for small businesses and Primes.

The program included one-on-one sessions with Primes and executives that volunteered their time and insights for introductions and specific questions in the areas of A&E/Design, Suppliers, project management and more. DEOD Outreach thanks their counterparts at CalTrans, Michelle Scott, Small Business Liaison, District 7, Maria Raptis, Manager of Government Affairs and Small Business Outreach, District 7, CPM Logistics and the entire committee facilitating the event. The Forum was recorded and is available on [Metro.net/connect](https://metro.net/connect).

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## **Spread the Word: Metro is Hiring 800 Bus Operators**

Operators are at the core of Metro service, the true pillars of this agency, and are the people who keep Los Angeles moving. As we ramp up service across Los Angeles County, Metro is hiring nearly 800 Bus Operators. Know someone who wants to join the ranks? Encourage them to visit the Bus Operator posting at [metro.net/DriveLA](https://metro.net/DriveLA) site to apply.

This is an excellent career job with incremental pay rate increases and outstanding benefits. After successful completion of the recruitment process, new Bus Operators will be scheduled for onboarding and 5-6 weeks of paid training. For more information regarding the Bus Operator position, visit [metro.net/DriveLA](https://metro.net/DriveLA) for specifics.

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## **Procurement Postings**

### Unleaded Fuel (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bid to procure Unleaded Fuel. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 5, 2021 through Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

Metro requires unleaded fuel to operate and maintain non-revenue vehicles including sedans, trucks and other gasoline fueled equipment to support its operation of providing public transit services to Los Angeles County through its bus and rail transit system.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lorretta Norris, Sr. Contract Administrator, at [norrisl@metro.net](mailto:norrisl@metro.net).

### Diesel Fuel (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bid to procure Diesel Fuel. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 5, 2021 through Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

Metro requires diesel fuel to operate and maintain non-revenue vehicles including trucks,

tractors, hi-rail vehicles and other diesel fueled equipment to support its operation of providing public transit services to Los Angeles County through its bus and rail transit system.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lorretta Norris, Sr. Contract Administrator, at [norrisl@metro.net](mailto:norrisl@metro.net).

#### Safely Transporting All Riders Program – Solicitation

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a firm to operate Metro's STAR program. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 12, 2021 through Monday, May 24, 2021.

Metro is seeking a Contractor that will assist with securing different types of mobility devices, develop and provide securement training to fixed-route operators, develop and provide disabilities awareness and sensitivity training, effectively communicate and interact with people with disabilities and senior adults by facilitating access to transit services, stations and transit centers.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Victor Zepeda, Contract Administrator at [Zepedav@metro.net](mailto:Zepedav@metro.net).

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### **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](#).

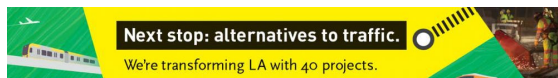
Caltrans Interstate 5: All Construction Updates [here](#).

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"Turn your wounds into wisdom."

~ Oprah Winfrey

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