
CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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Metro Statement of Unity

LA Metro celebrates its diversity, equity, and inclusion through actions it takes in all aspects of agency programs, activities, and operations. The recent wave of racial hate and tragedy highlights the need for proactive action to ensure that all our employees, our customers, and our stakeholders feel safe in the workplace and in riding our system as we expand or maintain all LA Metro projects and programs.

To this light, our agency's Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) including the Advancement of Latinos at Metro Association (ALMA), African American Employee Association (AAEA), Filipino American Group (Fil-Am Group), Metro Emerging Professionals Association (MEPA), and Out@Metro, have come together to signify support for a Statement of Unity. The Statement of Unity recognizes the past actions and impacts that disproportionately and negatively affect low-income communities, minority neighborhoods, people of color, immigrant communities, women, and LGBTIA communities; commit accountability and engagement that reduce the impacts of those actions; and working together with internal and external stakeholders to break down the barriers towards a better professional, cultural, and inter-racial and gender relationships here at Metro and in the communities we serve. The [Statement of Unity](#) can be viewed on the Metro ERG website.

Cris B. Liban, Pamela Christian, and the executives and staff of Metro's Office of Civil Rights and Inclusion, Office of Equity and Race, Communications Department, and Human Capital and Development Department spearheaded the effort to develop and finalize the Statement of Unity. Programs are currently available to get more engaged and involved. For more information visit the [Office of Civil Rights & Inclusion](#) website. Training opportunities are available through [Talent Development](#), and [Resiliency Training](#) is also available through the [Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Department](#).



Every Day is Earth Day at Metro

Thursday, April 22, was officially Earth Day. However, every day is Earth Day here at Metro as we work to integrate sustainability into everything we do. We're providing many options for Angelenos to travel more sustainably, generating renewable energy that powers projects across our system, and building facilities to the highest environmental standards.

From transitioning to a Zero-Emissions Bus Fleet to collaborating with cities on implementing shade structures at bus stops to address urban heat, these efforts will keep hundreds of millions of pounds of greenhouse gases out of the air and are all part of Metro's Moving Beyond Sustainability Plan to build a more livable LA for everyone. Through all of this, we keep equity at the center of everything we do.

Metro is sponsoring several events to celebrate April *Earth Month*, with the upcoming "Metro Conversations: Investing in People for a Sustainable Future" webinar taking place

Wednesday, April 28 at noon. You can check out *The Source* for additional details on this event, [here](#).

Metro and Caltrans Host Local Delivery Workshop

Together with Caltrans, Metro hosted our regular Local Delivery Workshop last Tuesday, April 20. More than 80 people from cities throughout LA County participated. This latest workshop provided information on land acquisition processes, the Highway Safety Improvement Program, the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and key deadlines. Held quarterly, these workshops are intended to provide technical assistance to cities to improve project delivery and successful grant drawdown outcomes. Prior to the pandemic, the group would meet in person, holding 3 or 4 identical workshops around the County each quarter. Most of the respondents to a survey indicated that they prefer the single virtual workshop as it allows them to save one to two hours of travel time, while learning from the questions of a variety of city staff. Metro continues to explore ways to make these workshops more beneficial to the cities.



Virtual Scoping Meetings for Arts District/6th Street Station

On Wednesday, April 14 and Saturday, April 17, Metro hosted two public virtual scoping meetings for the Arts District/6th St Station Project to gather input on the scope of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The Arts District/6th St Station is a proposed new Metro B Line (Red) and/or D Line (Purple) station near 6th Street that would provide regional and local transit connections to and from Arts District, Boyle Heights and surrounding communities.

With over 90 attendees at the scoping meetings, Metro heard general support for the project, as well as comments related to wayfinding signage, the desire for identifying funds for constructing the proposed station, station access, and more. The meeting recordings and presentations can be viewed on metro.net/artdist6thstation.

The project's scoping comment period is open until Wednesday, May 12. Metro continues to receive public comments via mail, email, and an online comment form. Details on how to

submit comments can be found at metro.net/artsdist6thstation. With funding support from the City of Los Angeles, Metro is preparing an EIR that is anticipated to be released in Spring 2022.



Procurement Postings

Safety Vests (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. MA75908 to procure safety vests. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, April 27, 2021 through Thursday September 30, 2021.

This procurement is for the purchase of safety vests which are required to be worn by all employees who work in safety sensitive areas. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability as outlined in the Technical Requirements on an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract basis.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at allentm@metro.net.

Link US Project Phase A Construction Manager/General Contractor (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a Construction Management/General Contractor (CM/GC) for the construction and improvements of Union Station, Los Angeles. Pre-qualified firms will be posted on the Metro Vendor Portal. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, April 26, 2021 to Monday, June 28, 2021.

This project will transform how regional rail operates in Southern California by converting Los Angeles Union Station from a 'stub-end' to a run through station and increase operational capacity to meet the demands of regional rail system and accommodate future California High Speed Rail Trains. Work under this contract will include final design and construction of all elements of the Project that includes utility relocation, street improvements, Union Station Platform #4 and Viaduct structure over the US 101 Freeway.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Fred Origel, Director, Vendor Contract Management, at 323-903-4111.

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

Regional Connector Transit Project - Bikes Prohibited Westbound 1st Street at Vignes

Due to increasing construction activities for Metro's Regional Connector Transit Project—including excavation of the 1st St Portal and future removal of the Gold Line tracks across 1st St—westbound 1st St is closed at Vignes St to all bicyclists through the duration of construction. A bike detour is in place on westbound 1st St to southbound Vignes St, to 2nd St, for westbound travel. To view the notice of work click, [here](#).

Purple Line Extension Project: Gale Dr. Closure, Utility Duct Bank Installation

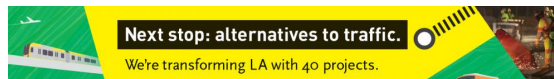
Beginning Monday, April 12, and continuing through Friday, May 7, Gale Dr. north of Wilshire Blvd. will be fully closed to support the installation of a utility duct bank. This traffic control will be implemented daily, from 6am to 5pm. The north leg crosswalk will be closed to pedestrians while this closure is in place. To view the notice of work click [here](#).

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

"Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."

~ Robert Brault

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