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Mineta Foundation and San Jose State State University Guest Speaker

On Thursday, May 13, I was pleased to be a guest speaker for the graduate program Master of Science in Transportation Management for the Mineta Foundation and the San Jose State University (SJSU) Lucas College of Business. I spoke to 34 graduate students from various parts of California, who are mostly all transportation professionals, and their

instructor, Dr. Leonard L. Lira, facilitated a Q&A. I spoke to the students about growing up on the Southside Chicago, my decision to join the military, plans for a post-military career, my opportunity with Denver RTD and carrying my leadership into the transportation industry. Professor Lira also dove into a discussion regarding my thoughts on the philosophy of leadership in a large complex organization, how the United States Army prepared me for leadership in large organizations, our proudest moments at LA Metro, how we build back from the pandemic impacts and other interesting topics.

I also thanked the students for their commitment to the transportation industry as we work to develop future transportation leaders and professionals to carry out the expansion of mobility projects and maintain our transportation assets. This was a great casual conversation with future transportation leaders and Professor Lira. I want to thank Professor Lira and the Mineta Foundation and SJSU for inviting me to participate as a guest speaker.

Urban Land Institute Infrastructure Forum

Also on Thursday, May 13, I joined a virtual panel discussion at the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Infrastructure Forum where we examined the intersection of infrastructure and real estate. At this session, we discussed how likely trillions of dollars in new infrastructure investment by the federal government will impact real estate investment decisions at the local and neighborhood scale. My fellow panelists commented on how they are responding to key priorities and policies of the new Administration as they look to respond to ongoing crises such as crumbling infrastructure, addressing racial injustice and affordable housing.

The event organizers were interested in hearing more about Metro's fareless transit and how it will affect equity, as well as hearing about Metro's commitment to transit oriented development and affordable housing. I also spoke about my work with the Biden Transition as it relates to infrastructure.

We had a very good and meaningful discussion. Many thanks to our moderator Bill Anderson, Principal, City Economics + Planning at Arup; and to the panelists Amy Chester, managing director of Rebuild by Design in Brooklyn, NY; and Keith Orlesky, VP/senior development manager, Lendlease, San Francisco.

Crenshaw Northern Extension EIR Begins with Great Turnout

During the Crenshaw Northern Extension Project's scoping meetings, a total of 421 stakeholders participated in three virtual scoping meetings on Thursday, April 29, Thursday, May 6, and Saturday, May 8. The meetings were held as part of the environmental review process which began April 15 and will end on May 28. Staff presented scoping objectives, project overview, and walked participants through the environmental review process for the three alignments currently being studied. To view the latest project video, please click [here](#).

This study is evaluating three potential alignments to extend the Crenshaw/LAX line north

from the E (Expo) Line with connections to the D (Purple) and B (Red) Lines and five of our busiest bus lines, as well as a potential optional terminus at the Hollywood Bowl. The potential alignments are projecting impressive ridership numbers around 90,000 boardings per day with significant travel time savings to key destinations such as the LACMA, Farmers Market, Hollywood Bowl, LAX, Rainbow District, West Adams, and Cedars Sinai.

Measure M allocated \$2.24 billion for this project with a groundbreaking of 2041 to be completed in 2047. As part of Metro's [Early Project Delivery Strategy](#), the cities of West Hollywood in coordination with Los Angeles and Metro are exploring ways to provide funding to accelerate the project. We anticipate updating the public with responses from the scoping meetings in Fall 2021.

For more information, visit the project page here: metro.net/crenshawnorth. Recordings of each scoping meeting will be posted on the project page under the "Meeting Materials" tab.

Procurement Postings

Los Angeles Union Station Strategic Advisor (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services for Los Angeles Union Station Strategic Advisor. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, May 19, 2021 through Monday, October 11, 2021.

Metro is seeking to procure an Advisor to provide strategic guidance phasing and timing of transit infrastructure planning, commercial development, customer experience and placemaking, financing, and ongoing maintenance and operations at Los Angeles Union Station. The purpose is to support Metro in its efforts to holistically plan and implement the future development at Union Station.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Erica Rodriguez, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1064.

Uninterruptible Power Supply System Upgrade at Bus Divisions 3, 5, 8

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to upgrade the Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Systems at three Metro locations. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, May 13, 2021 through Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

Metro is seeking the services of an authorized manufacturer representative to upgrade the UPS systems at (3) Bus operating Divisions.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ana Rodriguez, Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 922-1076.

Reverse Osmosis, In-Line Filtration and Bottle Water Service (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) seeking a qualified firm with the capacity to provide Reverse Osmosis (RO), In-Line Filtration Systems (ILFS) and Bottled Water Services for Metro facilities throughout Los Angeles County. Metro's transit facilities include but are not limited to bus divisions, terminals, rail divisions, train stations, customer service offices and bus lay overs. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, May 10, 2021 through Monday, August 2, 2021.

This contract shall require all existing equipment and dispensers to be completely replaced with new systems, dispensers and storage tanks from point of connection. All plumbing work for building water and waste service lines will be done by others.

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.

Metro Employee Assistance Program (EAP) (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the services of a contractor that will be able to provide as needed personal counseling to Metro's employees in the areas of substance abuse; family and marital conflicts; work related stress; emotional and behavioral problems; financial and legal difficulties; eating disorders and child/elder care needs. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, May 10, 2021 through Friday, September 3, 2021.

The Contractor shall provide a broadly based, comprehensive Employee Assistance Program, including the following services: intake (administrative processing), assessment, problem identification, brief solution-focused treatment and/or referral services, and follow-up activities for a broad range of personal issues.

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.

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: SCE Coordination Work near VA Hospital Campus

Metro contractors will continue utility work in coordination with So Cal Edison on the Wilshire Blvd – Bonsall Ave ramps at the VA Hospital Campus. Work will be done from June

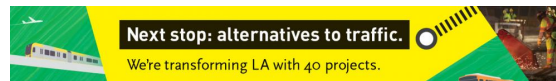
1 to 4, 2021. The ramp closures will be in effect from 9am to 3:30pm, Monday through Friday. Required equipment includes work trucks, compressors, and blowers. Utility services will be maintained. To view the notice of work click [here](#).

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

"At the end of the day, we can endure much more than we think we can."

~ Frida Kahlo

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