

CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

Phillip A. Washington
Chief Executive Officer

Friday, October 28, 2016

In this Issue

- [2016 Mayoral Housing, Transportation and Jobs Summit](#)
- [Delivery of 900th and Final New Flyer Model XN40 Bus](#)
- [City of Commerce Officials Tour Metro Division and Projects](#)
- [Celebrating Groundbreaking on I-5 at Valley View Improvement Project](#)
- [Federal Officials Announce Largest Bus and Facilities Grant Award in State of California](#)
- [Delivery of 50th Kinkisharyo P3010 Light Rail Vehicle](#)
- [Community Update for I-5 Improvements in Santa Clarita Area](#)
- [Metro Participates in American Planning Association Conference](#)
- [Measure M Informational Briefings for Employees](#)
- [Procurement Postings](#)
- [Construction Notices](#)

2016 Mayoral Housing, Transportation and Jobs Summit

Earlier today, I participated in the 15th Annual Mayoral Housing, Transportation and Jobs Summit: November Election to Shape LA's Future, hosted by the Los Angeles Business Council at UCLA. Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Vice Chair Eric Garcetti was there to deliver the Keynote during the luncheon and Los Angeles City Councilmember and Metro Board Member Mike Bonin participated in the panel, "Is there a future for workforce housing." I was happy to participate in the summit by presenting the various projects, programs and facts about the LA County Traffic Improvement Plan and framing the discussion for the panel, "The Future of Transportation in Los Angeles." I then joined this panel alongside Shad Balch from Chevrolet, Timothy Burr from Lyft, Stephen Polechronis with AECOM, Seleta Reynolds with LADOT and Nancy Sutley with LADWP.

Delivery of 900th and Final New Flyer Model XN40 Bus

Yesterday following our Regular October Board Meeting, Metro Board Chair John Fasana, Los Angeles Mayor and First Vice Chair Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles County Supervisors and Metro Board Members Michael D. Antonovich and Hilda Solis, Los Angeles City Councilman and Metro Director Paul Krekorian and Metro Director Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker took ceremonial delivery of the 900th and final New Flyer bus

from a \$508 million order that was signed in August 2013. The New Flyer XN40 has been a workhorse of the Metro fleet and now comprises 40 percent of our 2,248 buses. To commemorate the occasion, Metro presented New Flyer with a specially-commissioned watercolor of a XN40 bus at work on the streets of Los Angeles County.



City of Commerce Officials Tour Metro Division and Projects

Also yesterday, City of Commerce Mayor Ivan Altamirano and Councilwoman Lilia R. Leon toured Division 14 and the Regional Connector construction site to better understand Metro's rail system and provide valuable input as we continue to work on the Metro Gold Line Eastside Phase 2 Project in a collaborative manner with the cities along the proposed routes: State Route 60 and Washington Boulevard. City officials were joined by the Commerce City Manager, Transportation and Public Works Directors along with members of the Commerce Industrial Council Chamber of Commerce.

The tour also included a roundtrip ride on the Expo Line between the Bergamot and Downtown Santa Monica Stations. If other cities would like to schedule a tour of the Metro System, our Community & Municipal Affairs staff is always available to accommodate any request. I appreciate the City of Commerce officials for taking the time to learn more about Metro's current system and our ongoing construction activities.

Celebrating Groundbreaking on I-5 at Valley View Improvement Project

On Wednesday, Caltrans District 7 Director and Metro Board Member Carrie Bowen hosted Metro Chair John Fasana, Los Angeles Mayor and First Vice Chair Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Don Knabe and other dignitaries, including U.S. Representative Grace Napolitano and California Assembly member Ian Calderon, to break ground on a Highways project that promises to improve conditions on Interstate 5 in the southern part of Los Angeles County. Metro contributed \$161 million in Prop C and Measure R funds to the I-5 at Valley View Interchange Project that has an overall budget of \$631 million. The project will replace a 60-year-old bridge with a six-lane overcrossing while keeping lanes open to traffic during construction.



Federal Officials Announce Largest Bus and Facilities Grant Award in State of California

On Tuesday, Metro Chair John Fasana joined Congresswomen Maxine Waters and Janice Hahn, FTA Los Angeles Team Leader Ray Tellis and Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins in formally announcing a bus and bus facilities grant for Metro in the amount of \$10.5 million. The grant will be used to purchase approximately 30 brand new compressed natural gas (CNG) buses and CNG refueling facilities that will serve the South Bay and Gateway Cities. The grant award is the largest of its kind issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation in California, and will replace aging diesel buses on seven contracted Gateway Cities and South Bay bus routes serving 40,000 riders per day. The new buses will feature the cleanest CNG engines ever made, with near zero emissions.



Delivery of 50th Kinkisharyo P3010 Light Rail Vehicle

On Monday, Metro Chair John Fasana joined Metro Vice Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Kinkisharyo International (KI) President Akiyoshi Oba and Metro Senior Executive Officer Rail Operations Bernard Jackson to celebrate the delivery of the 50th KI Model P3010 Light Rail Vehicle. As part of the ceremony, Metro presented KI President Oba with a specially commissioned watercolor of a Model P3010 in action on the Metro Rail system.

These brand new P3010 rail cars are immaculate and with this milestone, we are able to cut customer wait times on the Expo Line from 12 minutes to 6 minutes – effective this past Monday. Rail cars are being

assembled at the KI facility in Palmdale under a contract approved by the Metro Board in August 2012 with the delivery of 4 rail cars per month.



Community Update for I-5 Improvements in Santa Clarita Area

Also on Monday, we hosted a community open house in Santa Clarita to share the preliminary designs for several improvements to the I-5 freeway from State Route 14 to south of Parker Road in north Los Angeles County. Over 30 people attended to hear about the project and have their questions answered. The project enhancements include the addition of HOV lanes along the median, extension of truck lanes, and the addition of auxiliary lanes (additional outside lanes extending between an on-ramp and a subsequent off-ramp). These changes will increase capacity, operations and safety for the region.

Residents asked questions about sound wall locations, carpool lanes and funding sources. Santa Clarita TV filmed the event for local broadcast and Metro will continue to meet with local residents and homeowner associations in the coming months to discuss the location of sound walls. Another open house meeting will be held in Spring 2017 as design work progresses.

Metro Participates in American Planning Association Conference

This past weekend, the American Planning Association California Chapter held their annual conference at the Pasadena Convention Center in Pasadena and Metro was well-represented. Several Metro employees spoke on session panels and lead mobile workshops. Many of the sessions and workshops were centered on Metro projects and initiatives, including Rail Extensions, the Bike Share program, Transit Oriented Developments, Sustainability, and Community Engagement. Thank you to the Metro participants which included: Roman Alarcon, Ginny Brideau, Elizabeth Carvajal, Tamar Fuhrer, Russell Homan, Jenna Hornstock, Meghna Khanna, Jacob Lieb, Julia Salinas, Bruce Shelburne, David Yale, Mark Yamarone, and Cory Zelmer.

Measure M Informational Briefings for Employees

In addition to briefing external stakeholders on Measure M, we have been working hard to ensure our own employees are informed about the ballot measure. Since the end of August, and concluding this week, staff from Community & Municipal Affairs have held 34 presentations at our bus and rail divisions providing information and answering questions about Measure M. This effort has reached more than 1,000 members among our bus and rail division staff. I was able to join one of these briefings, on October 18, at the Central Maintenance Facility where I spoke to about 100 of our employees.

In addition to this effort, our Chief Communications Officer has previously held two employee briefings on Measure M at our Gateway Headquarters building. The video of that is on the [intranet](#) for all of our employees to view. We appreciate the opportunity to further inform our Metro family about Measure M, and

we'd like to thank everyone who has attended these informational presentations.

We are working across the County to make sure that people are educated and have the information they need to make an educated decision on November 8. We are hearing valuable feedback and questions from employees, and we encourage staff to reach out to Community Relations with additional questions or comments. For complete information about Measure M and the Long Range Transportation Plan, please visit metro.net/theplan.

Procurement Postings

Walk Behind Floor Scrubbers - (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Walk Behind Floor Scrubbers. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, October 28, 2016 through Friday, April 28, 2017.

This procurement is for twenty (20) Walk Behind Floor Scrubbers to replace existing ones in the current fleet to support bus and rail operations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aryani L. Guzman, Assistant Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

Pressure Washer Trucks (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Pressure Washer Trucks. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, October 21, 2016 through Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

This procurement is for eight (8) Pressure Washer Trucks and two (2) additional Pressure Washer units to replace existing pressure washers that have exhausted their life span in the current fleet to support bus and rail operations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aryani L. Guzman, Assistant Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

Construction Notices - Patsouras Plaza Busway, Regional Connector, I-5

Patsouras Plaza Busway Station Project: I-10 Busway/HOT Lane Closures -- Late Night Only

- The I-10 Busway/HOT Lane on Route I-10, between Alameda Street and Route I-710, will experience intermittent lane closures in both eastbound and westbound directions.
- Closures will take place Monday, October 31 through Friday, November 4 between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

Regional Connector Transit Project: Intersection Closure -- 2nd/Broadway

- There will be a full intersection closure of 2nd Street and Broadway to open the Broadway deck, deliver materials and complete excavation of the tunnel box.
- Work and closures will take place from 8:00 a.m. Saturday, October 29 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, October 30.

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

“The more sand has escaped from the hourglass of our life, the clearer we should see through it.”

~ Niccolo Machiavelli

[Press Room](#) | [Project & Programs](#) | [Meeting Agendas](#) | [Riding Metro](#) | [Metro Library](#)

You have subscribed to receive Metro information, [edit your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe](#).
Your privacy is important to us, please review the [Privacy Policy](#).

© 2016 Metro (LACMTA) One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

This email was sent to allmailusers@metro.net.

To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.

Bus & Rail Transit information

323.GO.METRO (323.466.3876)

6:30am - 7pm (Monday - Friday)

8:00am - 4:30pm (Saturday/Sunday)

