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Metro to Host Interactive Telephone Town Hall Meeting Sept. 22 to Discuss the Agency's Goods Movement Strategic Plan and Equity initiatives

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will host a live interactive telephone town hall meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, to discuss Metro's Goods Movement Strategic Plan and the agency's direction on improving disparities, especially those that are most impacted by goods movement activities.

Los Angeles County is one of the nation's top gateways for both domestic and international trade. The county's freight transportation system supports over 10 million people who live here by offering access to essential daily goods while supporting the national economy by handling over 30 percent of the nation's containerized trade volume. Developing this Strategic Plan will help Metro and its stakeholders improve the economy-sustaining movement of goods while minimizing the impact on local communities.

Metro is in the process of seeking input from the public about how Los Angeles County should manage how goods move through ports, airports, railways and freeways to ensure they are moved efficiently and safely while reducing congestion and pollution. The telephone town hall will provide an opportunity to discuss priorities and options, ask questions of Metro's goods movement experts and provide more feedback as the agency plans for the future.

For the meeting, 100,000 residents across Los Angeles County will be contacted randomly through an innovative automated telephone system and invited to participate in the public forum from the comfort of their own homes. The Telephone Town Hall also will include an option for participants to provide input through real-time polls. When residents answer their phones, they will be connected to the meeting automatically. Anyone who does not receive a call but wants to participate can dial into the toll-free telephone numbers listed below.

- **English:** On the day of the meeting, the toll-free call-in number is 888-400-1932.
- **Spanish:** On the day of the meeting, the toll-free call-in number is 888-400-9342.

There are several other ways to participate in the interactive town hall:

- Participants can also sign up for the meeting in advance and receive an email reminder by visiting <http://tthm.wufoo.com/forms/metro-telephone-town-hall-signup/>.

- Those who want to participate through their computers can do so through <https://janus.teletownhall.us/?id=Metro&eid=60228>

ADA Language Accommodation: If you require an interpreter or other accommodations, please contact Metro at least 72 hours prior to the telephone town hall meeting date at 323-466-3876 or California Relay Service at 711.

A draft of the Goods Movement Strategic Plan is available at:
https://media.metro.net/2020/Goods_Movement_SP_Draft.pdf.

For more information about Metro's Goods Movement Strategic Plan efforts, please visit <https://www.metro.net/projects/goods-movement-strategic-plan/>.

About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is currently providing lifeline service for essential trips and frontline workers. Metro continues building the most ambitious transportation infrastructure program in the United States and is working to greatly improve mobility through its [Vision 2028 Plan](#).

Metro has proudly pledged to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) [Health and Safety Commitment Program](#) to help ensure the safe return of transit riders as the U.S. recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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