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"See Something Say Something" – Thank You Lawrence Sears

Many thanks to Lawrence Sears, Rail Custodian, who services the Blue, Green and Expo Lines out of Location 66. On Thursday, a patron on an eastbound Green Line train was assaulted. The train stopped at Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station where the assailant immediately attempted to steal a purse. Mr. Sears ran over to assist the patron in need. The suspect then assaulted Mr. Sears causing minor injury.

Safety and security are our #1 priority. We strive to operate in the most customer responsive manner possible in every hour of the day, every day of the week and in every area that we serve. I commend Mr. Sears for responding quickly to address the safety of our patrons. This is an example of excellence in service and support.

Expo Project Wins the Westside Prize

Today, I joined Expo Construction Authority Board Chair, Chair of Metro's Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee, and Santa Monica Councilmember Pam O'Connor in accepting the Westside Urban Forum's Westside Prize. The Westside Prize rewards those who take a fresh approach to tackling the issues raised in planning for and building a livable future for Angelenos. The Expo Line opened in 2012 and has exceeded ridership expectations. Expo Phase II, extending the line from Culver City to Santa Monica, is on time and on budget and will open in 2016, giving Angelenos a one seat ride from downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica. Members of the Westside Urban Forum are influential opinion leaders involved in many aspects of "city making" and have long supported Metro initiatives.

Business Welcome Reception

I'd like to thank Mobility 21, Central City Association, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and Valley Industry & Commerce Association, as well as the many businesses of the Los Angeles region for welcoming me to Metro last night. I'd like to thank Second Vice Chair Fasana and Board Directors Najarian and Dupont-Walker along with representatives from Director Kuehl and Antonovich's offices, as well as Federal, State and Local elected officials, Metrolink CEO and Metro's former CEO Art

Leahy for being there and for the continued support. This is an exciting time for Los Angeles and it will take continuous partnership and support from the region to provide excellence in service and support on our way to having the best transportation system in the country.

Industry Review for Section 2 of the Purple Line Extension

Yesterday I addressed a packed board room, kicking off the Industry Review for Section 2 of the Purple Line Extension, which will bring the subway another 2.55 miles to Century City/Constellation. The industry review is an opportunity for contractors to provide input on the procurement and technical approach to the project, including identifying potential risks, means and methods, and innovative cost saving ideas to improve the solicitation package that will be issued in September. Members of the contracting community are invited to provide comments through July 31, 2015. A "Meet and Greet" networking event with 14 potential prime contractors and over 200 small businesses followed the Industry Review meeting. I'd like to thank our staff from Construction, Vendor/Contract Management, Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department and Community Relations for making this such a successful event.

LACCD's \$15 Million Grant will Create Opportunities in Transportation

Yesterday morning, I joined Jasmin Ortega from the California Department of Education, Gary Toebben, CEO of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, members of the Los Angeles Community College District board of trustees and other LACCD partner employers on Patsaouras Plaza to announce a \$15 million grant received by the LACCD through the California Career Pathways Trust program. The grant is one of the largest awarded in the state, and will allow LACCD to create sustained career programs that link businesses, K-12 schools and community colleges to prepare students for the 21st century workplace in industries such as manufacturing, IT, and transportation. These are all areas of great importance to Metro.

The Career Pathways Trust Grant will allow more program development over the next four years, so more students and interns will have the opportunity to be exposed to careers in logistics, construction, operations and planning at Metro. These experiential learning opportunities will help expose young people to careers in transportation related industries and at Metro, establishing creative and forward thinking partnerships.

CEO Construction Forum

I'd like to thank the prime contractors with active projects valued at over \$8 billion who participated in my first Construction Forum at Metro yesterday morning. I was happy to be able to share with them my vision for Metro and have a dialogue on areas of interest, importance and improvement. I explained that I deeply value the role of the private sector in delivering projects on time and on budget.

Cal State Los Angeles Honors Metro at Senior Design Expo

As a component of the Southern California Regional Interconnector Project (SCRIP), Metro is sponsoring the civil engineering senior design team at California State University, Los Angeles. Working with the Metro project manager and HDR, the consultant team on the project, the students developed design alternatives for the track alignment, structures, drainage, and roadway design. This program provides a "real world" engineering opportunity for the students by presenting them with an actual design problem. This design team promotes innovation, generates interest, provides

experience, and attracts local talent to the transportation industry. The students are required to research the appropriate information necessary, including design standards, to complete the conceptual design. By providing an actual project, the students are able to see the development of the project from its initiation through design. The students presented their design concepts to faculty and industry leaders as part of the Senior Design Expo. At this event, the school presented Metro an award for the support of the engineering program. I'd also like to Congratulate Don Sepulveda, our Executive Officer for Regional Rail, who has been involved with the program and was also honored by the University at the Senior Design Expo.

The Southern California Regional Interconnector Project (SCRIP) will extend four to six yard tracks south from the station, across the 101 freeway, to join main tracks along the Los Angeles River. This project will raise portions of the yard and include elements of the Los Angeles Union Station Master Plan.

Metro Kickoff for Juneteenth

On Monday, June 1, 2015, Metro Director Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker joined members of Metro's African American Employee Association in a ceremony, covered by KABC, outside of Metro headquarters to kick off a month of celebration leading up to the 150th anniversary on June 19, 2015.

Juneteenth commemorates a pivotal moment in American history, and provides us an opportunity to reflect on the historical legacy we want to leave behind us. History, identity, and heritage are all around us and are critical to understand the communities we serve.

Juneteenth Independence Day, Freedom Day, or Emancipation Day is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19 that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free, two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation; which became official January 1, 1863. The reactions to this profound news ranged from pure shock to immediate jubilation. Later attempts to explain this two and a half year delay in the receipt of this important news have yielded several versions that have been handed down through the years.

Juneteenth today celebrates African American freedom and achievement while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures.

For a complete calendar of Juneteenth events, please click [here](#).

Metro's Accounting Department Receives Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY14 CAFR

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has presented the Accounting Department with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. GFOA said, "The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management." I would like to congratulate Metro's Accounting staff on this recognition, and commend them for being award winning custodians of taxpayers' monies and for recognizing the importance of full disclosure of our activities and competent execution of our assigned responsibilities

Beach Streets Uptown

This Saturday, Metro and the City of Long Beach are teaming up to host the very first non-CicLAvia managed Open Streets event in the county. Open Streets events activate communities by using space normally dedicated for cars as civic spaces. They promote multiple modes of transportation, get new riders on our system and boost foot traffic for local businesses.

Metro allocates \$2 million per year to make Open Streets events possible. Our contribution of \$260,000 to Long Beach will help us understand the communities we serve, focus on the basics i.e. curbs, sidewalks, last mile, etc., and attract customers to our transportation system, as well as support modes which help us provide mobility service in the most environmentally sound and fuel efficient manner possible.

Long Beach has a great bicycle culture and is a leader in designing a bicycle friendly environment. I hope you all can make it down to Uptown on Saturday.

Please see the Construction Notices section for information on Blue Line closures between Vernon and LACCT/Ortho Institute.

Procurement Postings

Employee Assistance Program (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Employee Assistance Program Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, May 8, 2015 through Thursday, September 24, 2015.

The Metro Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a service that provides personal counseling benefits to its employees through a contracted vendor. The program is intended to help employees and their family members cope with problems on the job, at school and in the home; and to promote job effectiveness and productivity. All of Metro's employees, including part-time employees, and their immediate family members, are eligible for the EAP. The Contractor will provide a program consisting of 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. Such issues can include, but are not limited to, the emotional and behavioral problems; financial and legal difficulties, eating disorders and weight control; and child and elder care needs.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Maria V. Lechuga, Interim Manager at (213) 922-7206.

Sound Enclosures at Slauson and Manchester Busway Stations (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Sound Enclosures at Slauson and Manchester Busway Stations (Design/Build). The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, June 10, 2015 through Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Deneise Glover, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7302.

Rail Turnout Material (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure goods. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, June 4, 2015 to Monday, August 31, 2015.

Metro will require a total of 19 AREMA #10 turnouts supplied with concrete ties for the Metro Blue Line Re-Signaling Capital Project. This solicitation does not include any installation, it is for the supply of the turnouts and concrete switch ties only. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Juelene Close, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1066.

Construction Notices – Blue Line, Expo Phase II, Crenshaw/LAX and I-5

Metro Blue Line: Between Vernon and LATTC/Ortho Institute Stations -- Station Closures for Refurbishment Next Two Weekends

- As part of the Blue Line refurbishment project to replace station canopies, lighting, paint and other components, train service will be replaced by bus shuttles between Vernon and LATTC/Ortho Institute Station
- During this time, customers traveling to/from Downtown's 7th Street/Metro Center will use the Expo Line instead to LATTC/Ortho Institute Station and connect with Blue Line bus shuttles to Vernon
- Metro is providing bus shuttle buses to match the frequency of train service with an Express Service operating directly between the Blue Line Vernon Station and LATTC/Ortho Institute Stations
- Local service to Washington/San Pedro/Grand Stations is provided by a second set bus shuttle buses matching the frequency of train service

Expo Phase II: Exposition Boulevard between Bundy Drive and Barrington Avenue – Monday, June 8 through Saturday, June 13, 2015; Monday, June 15 through Thursday, June 18, 2015

Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project: Excavation and decking at Crenshaw/Vernon underground station – Begins Sunday, June 7, 2015

Caltrans Interstate 5:

SR-134 to Buena Vista Street – Sunday, June 7 through Friday, June 12, 2015.

Between Orange County Line and the I-605 -- Sunday, June 7 through Thursday, June 11, 2015.

SR-14 Near Newhall Pass – Sunday, June 7 through Friday, June 12, 2015.

“The time is always right to do the right thing.”
~Martin Luther King, Jr.



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