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VICA Business Forecast Talks Potential Ballot Measure, LRTP Process

This morning, I joined Los Angeles City Councilmember and Metro Board Member Paul Krekorian for the Transportation Panel at the Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA) Business Forecast Conference. In addition, Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board 2nd Vice Chair Garcetti delivered the keynote address during the lunchtime program. He noted the great investment Los Angeles is making in infrastructure, the five rail lines currently under construction and coming opportunities including potential new projects in the San Fernando Valley. VICA is one of Metro's closest partners in the San Fernando Valley and I am grateful for their longstanding support of our efforts. Our panel had a lively discussion about a potential ballot measure and the update of Metro's Long Range Transportation Process (LRTP). I look forward to continuing to work closely with VICA and all our stakeholders in the ongoing bottom up LRTP process.

Metro Doubles Down on Thwarting Sexual Harassment

Yesterday, Metro teamed up with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) and non-profit thought leader Peace Over Violence (POV) at a press event announcing our stepped up public information campaign. At the event, I joined Metro Board Chair and LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Metro Vice Chair and Duarte Councilman John Fasana, LA County Supervisors and Metro Board Members Michael Antonovich and Sheila Kuehl, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, LASD Transit Policing Division Chief Ronene Anda, and POV Executive Director Patti Giggans in providing leadership and enlisting riders' help in on-going efforts to thwart sexual harassment on our bus and rail system. Safety and security are priority #1 at Metro. Our "It's Off Limits" campaign, launched last spring, contributed to a decline in incidents of sexual harassment on our system. Our revamped campaign will feature advertisements on every bus and rail car encouraging customers to "Speak Up," and we will reinforce this message by training our employees to speak up and provide an even safer space for our customers.

For a photo and the complete story as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).

Celebrate Taste of Soul This Weekend

On Wednesday, LA County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas, Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Taste of Soul Founder Danny Bakewell and Metro Executive Officer of System Safety and Security Alex Wiggins spoke at a press event urging the public to Go Metro to the Taste of Soul street festival this Saturday, October 17, 2015. Numerous buses and the Metro Expo Line make it easy to avoid the anticipated large crowd. Wednesday's event was also an opportunity to celebrate the first anniversary of Metro's construction mitigation program Eat, Shop, Play Local.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Taste of Soul. Over 350,000 people are expected to celebrate the best of South Los Angeles food, art and culture. The Taste of Soul will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Crenshaw Boulevard between Stocker Street and Rodeo Drive and will feature food, entertainment and fun for the whole family. Also, stop by the Metro/ Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors booth where Metro will kick off public voting for the Tunnel Boarding Machine (TBM) Art Illustration contest. The winning art illustration will be displayed on the TBM prior to being lowered into the launch pit to begin digging twin tunnels to connect three underground stations on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project. The winners of the art illustration contests will be announced and introduced at a future TBM lowering ceremony. For photos and information including transit options as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).

Meet and Greet with Arroyo Verdugo Cities Subcommittee

On Monday, I started the week by meeting with representatives of the Arroyo Verdugo Cities Subcommittee. Along with Glendale Mayor and Metro Board Member Ara Najarian, the group included mayors, councilmembers and city managers from the Subcommittee member cities of Burbank, Glendale, La Cañada-Flintridge, Pasadena and South Pasadena. I shared the exciting projects Metro is currently undertaking such as the five public transit projects under construction, various highway improvements throughout the region and key planning studies. The Subcommittee representatives shared their thoughts on the sub-region's transportation priorities. Thank you to Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek and city manager Michael Beck for organizing and hosting the meeting at the lovely Tournament of Roses House.

Meeting with City of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia

On Monday, I had the pleasure of meeting with Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia to discuss Metro issues of interest to that city. Some of the topics we discussed included Blue Line safety and security, fare enforcement issues at stations and along the line, and ways to increase the speed of the Blue Line running through the Long Beach area. I was joined by Alex Wiggins, Metro Executive Officer Systems Security and Law Enforcement, and representatives from Metro Community Relations and Operations departments.

We discussed the Blue Line Signal Prioritization effort that is funded by the Call for Projects. The design phase of the project is underway and project completion is expected late 2017. The project will upgrade the signals to provide priority for our Blue Line trains through Long Beach, and provide pedestrian signal improvements at some locations along the Blue Line Corridor. I look forward to working with Mayor Garcia and the City of Long Beach to improve transportation services to their residents and employees.

National Contract Management Association L.A. Gateway Chapter Receives Back to Back Silver Award

Metro is pleased to announce the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) L.A. Gateway Chapter has received the Silver Walter R. Graalman Award. This award is presented to chapters who

successfully meet national objectives. NCMA recognizes the L.A. Gateway chapter for their planning efforts and effectively providing the best value to their members.

The Graalman Award recognition is assessed on four levels: Quality, Bronze, Silver, and Gold. For the 2014-2015 program year, the L.A. Gateway Chapter will once again be receiving the Silver award. The award will be presented at an award ceremony at the NCMA Fall Chapter Leader Summit on Sunday evening, December 13, 2015 at The Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC.

Please join me in recognizing the volunteer Vendor/Contract Management Board members for the excellent work accomplished this year. The 2014-2015 NCMA L.A. Gateway Board of Directors, comprised of Metro staff, are Erika Estrada, President; Tiffany Smith, Vice President; Jesse Zepeda, Secretary; Eva Rodriguez, Treasurer; Susan Dove, Vice President of Programs; Jean Davis, Co-Vice President of Marketing; Andrea Roberson, Co-Vice President of Marketing; and Karla Zillner, Webmaster.

Construction Relations Staff Presents at Waze Connected Citizens Summit

Earlier this week, Metro staff attended the Waze Connected Citizens Partner Summit in Mountain View, CA. Representatives from Communications, Highway Program and Congestion Reduction/RIITS departments attended sessions to discuss current and potential Waze application uses. The Construction Relations team presented a case study on their use of Waze as part of their business mitigation program, and continued community engagement efforts during construction. The cities of Boston, Los Angeles, and Rio De Janeiro also presented.

Metro Headquarters Gets Two More Lactation Rooms

Metro is converting two more rooms into “Mothers Rooms” at Metro headquarters for use as lactation rooms. All three rooms are located on the 3rd floor near the back entrance to the Board Room. Rooms have a comfortable chair, counter, electrical outlet and a door that locks from the inside. Room 2 opened Monday, October 12, 2015 and Room 3 will open Monday, October 19, 2015.

Procurement Postings

Regional Integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems (RIITS) Modernization (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure hardware, software and related services for the modernization of the (RIITS). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, October 21, 2015 through Monday, March 7, 2016.

Dubbed a “system of systems,” RIITS is a transportation data processing system that manages and exchanges transportation data obtained from public agencies. The modernization of RIITS will create an efficient and dynamic system that promotes the collection, sharing, and storing of near real-time transportation data. Metro seeks a modern, self-service, multi-tenant internal and external hybrid-cloud platform that integrates, manages, and shares near real-time transportation data.

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

Los Angeles County Sidewalk Network - GIS Database for Pedestrian Model Development (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services for aerial image data extraction for a Metro GIS database for pedestrian model development. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, October 21, 2015 through Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

Active transportation is becoming a higher priority in the planning and construction of transportation facilities in the United States. Transportation demand models were originally designed for forecasting automobile trips, and have since been modified to predict transit usage. A similar effort is currently underway to incorporate bicycle and walking trips. To this end, Metro is developing a bicycle and pedestrian model.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sonja Gettel, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7558.

Industrial Hygiene and Environmental Safety Services (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure industrial hygiene and environmental safety services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, October 19, 2015 through Friday, January 29, 2016.

Metro is seeking a qualified contractor to provide industrial hygiene or environmental safety services on a task order basis. The purpose of this contract is to augment current staff efforts to promote occupational and environmental safety services in support of Metro's compliance with applicable federal, state and local safety, health and environmental regulations and to reduce workers' compensation liabilities.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Victor Zepeda, Contract Administrator at zepedav@metro.net.

Construction Notices – Purple Line Section 1, I-5

Purple Line Extension Section I: Storm Drain Relocation – Wilshire Boulevard and La Brea Avenue Area

- Design-builder will temporarily realign the storm drain located at Orange Drive.
- Work will consist of asphalt removal, excavation, shoring, and installation of PVC storm drain pipe.
- Work began Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., and will continue daily Sunday through Thursday until Friday, October 23, 2015.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All Construction Updates

*“Reality leaves a lot to the imagination”
~ John Lennon*



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