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Los Angeles Business Council Mayoral Housing, Transportation and Jobs Summit

This morning, I participated in the Los Angeles Business Council's 2015 Mayoral Housing, Transportation and Jobs Summit, hosted by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. LA County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas also participated in the summit, along with stakeholders and thought leaders on the interrelated topics of housing, transportation, jobs, economic development and land use.

The theme of the conference was "Carrying the Torch: LA Championing Community Growth and Investment." Meeting the needs of the communities we serve and being leaders towards the future are embedded in our vision; therefore I appreciate Metro's involvement as well as thought leaders around LA moving towards a common goal, connecting related issues to help resolve them.

Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Opening Date Announced

Yesterday, following our October Regular Board Meeting, I was pleased to join LA County Supervisor and Metro Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas and the Metro Board of Directors to proudly announce that the very first rail line funded and built by the 2008 Measure R sales tax initiative -- the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Project -- is now scheduled to open on **Saturday, March 5, 2016**. I want to thank our Metro Board Members for supporting this project and the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority for building this rail extension on time and on budget. It is partnerships like these that are helping Metro deliver on the promise of greater mobility that taxpayers expect.

The nearly \$1 billion light rail project will extend the existing Metro Gold Line east almost twelve miles from Pasadena to Azusa, with station stops in Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte/City of Hope, Irwindale, and Azusa. The line is anticipated to carry 13,600 riders per weekday, with trains operating every 12 minutes during peak hours.

For photos and more information on the Gold Line extension as posted on The Source, please click [here](#).

Meeting with South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Yesterday, I joined City of Inglewood Mayor and Metro Board Member James Butts to address the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Board of Directors meeting. I discussed the progress Metro has made over the last few decades, the performance metrics for the potential ballot measure and the need to work with the COGs to ensure comprehensive stakeholder input and feedback through Spring of next year. I also mentioned that the Metro Board had approved moving forward with the education program for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) that will be getting underway and also our plans for an industry forum in February 2016. I further discussed the Office of Extraordinary Innovation and new safety measures throughout our system. SBCCOG Board Members asked questions related to Metro transit service, safety, operations and station design. The SBCCOG is an important partner in the South Bay subregion and I look forward to working with them and all of our South Bay stakeholders to continue to ensure an ongoing, bottoms up, dialogue about the LRTP process.

Gateway Building and Patsaouras Bus Plaza Celebrate 20 years

Yesterday also marked the 20th anniversary of our Gateway Building and Patsaouras Bus Plaza's opening. The building and plaza opened in 1995, symbolizing the integration of all modes of transportation into one system, concentrated at a single focal point. That day was a truly historic moment and a first for Los Angeles.

Amtrak, Metrolink, Metro Red/Purple line, and the centralized Bus Terminal, Customer Service Center, a Bus Operations Control Center, Regional Rebuild Center and El Monte Transitway were first included at Gateway. Over the years the complex has grown to include a variety of bus service, the Gold Line, the Silver Line, LAX Flyaway and in the future, the Regional Connector and Division 13.

This anniversary symbolizes the unification of both the predecessor agencies - RTD and LACTC - and that the region is anchored by one agency, known as Metro, with the vision to provide excellence in service and support.

Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities Access Awards Luncheon

On Monday, October 19, 2015, Executive Officer of Civil Rights Dan Levy and his team sponsored and attended the 24th Annual Awards luncheon and Americans with Disabilities Act 25th Year Anniversary Celebration at the Omni Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. Mobility and access were key themes of the luncheon. In addition to other awards, an accessibility award was given to a leading advocate for the disabled community from each of the supervisorial districts. Supporting and participating in this luncheon will better help us understand the communities we serve, as well as gain greater perspective and understanding of customers who support and rely on our system.

Peace Over Violence Awards Names Metro Humanitarian of the Year

Last Friday, October 16, 2015, Metro was honored by the community advocacy organization, Peace Over Violence (POV), with the Verizon Hopeline Award as Humanitarian of the Year. The award was presented at the POV annual gala held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Los Angeles Music Center. LA County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Sheila Kuehl, also a POV Advisory Board Member, presented the award to Metro Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas, who accepted on behalf of the Metro Board and all Metro employees. I would like to recognize and thank LA County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Michael Antonovich, LA City Councilmember and Metro Board Member Paul Krekorian and Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker for their attendance and support of this event as well.

Metro was chosen Humanitarian of the Year for its groundbreaking work battling sexual harassment and human sex trafficking on the transit system. Peace Over Violence was established in 1971 by pioneering feminist activists and is a sexual and domestic violence, stalking, child abuse and youth violence prevention center. POV is dedicated to building healthy relationships, families and communities free from sexual, domestic and interpersonal violence. We appreciate their partnership in putting safety first on our system.

Regional Connector Project Team Plan the Removal, Return and Re-dedication of Cherished Cherry Tree

Last Wednesday, October 14, 2015, Metro's Regional Connector Little Tokyo 1st/Central Station Area Project Team joined with the community's cultural and beautification leaders to plan the removal and boxing of a cherished Sakura cherry tree within the 1st/Central Station construction path. The tree has now been delivered to neighboring Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple where it will be nurtured with an objective to return it to Central Avenue for transplanting at the end of construction.

The Little Tokyo Community wishes to re-dedicate the tree to community leader Tom Kamei who passed away last year. Mr. Kamei, an accomplished engineer, was known for leveraging his professional expertise to protect and sustain Little Tokyo's cultural values. The tree was first dedicated in 2001 by Mr. Kamei as part of the Central Avenue Cherry Tree Planting Project. This beautification endeavor was a joint City of Los Angeles and community partnership. Metro's team was pleased to work with area leader Brian Kito to honor Mr. Kamei's legacy.

Coro Fellows Complete Focus Week on Transportation

Last week, young leaders participating in the nine month Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs visited Metro and other transportation agencies and stakeholders around the county to explore how transportation in Los Angeles County works, as well as how to break down and understand the various working parts and dynamics of a system. The program included meetings with Metro, Metrolink, County and LADOT staff as well as interactive tours of the Blue Line Yard, Rail Operations Control and Union Station, while focus groups looked specifically at the customer experience, capital program, and planning and governance. Thank you to all who participated, and to the fellows for their passion and interest in improving mobility options in Los Angeles County.

On Wednesday of this week, we welcomed one of the Fellows, Aaron Johnson, to Metro for his government sector placement. As part of the program, Aaron will spend about a month learning about Metro and what we are doing to provide excellence in service and support to our customers.

Safe Routes to School Regional Summits Conclude

Over the past two weeks, more than 120 stakeholders attended Metro's 2015 Safe Routes to School Regional Summits including local government representatives, elected officials and staff, law enforcement representatives, nonprofit organizations, community groups, advocates, Caltrans, private firms, school partners, public health representatives and other stakeholders. Metro hosted the series of Regional Summits to provide opportunities for robust collaboration on the Countywide Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Initiative, which supports, promotes, expands, and encourages walking, bicycling, carpooling and transit for school travel in Los Angeles County. The SRTS Initiative will serve to expand mobility choice and improve health and safety of children and their families.

Metro Safe Routes to School promotes active transportation, safety, and health through the 5 Es -

Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering, and Evaluation. Walking and bicycling are important parts of leading a healthy lifestyle and building healthy communities. Metro continues to engage key stakeholders and facilitate collaboration with local jurisdictions, and has taken steps toward working with schools to develop safe and active travel options. For more information on the Countywide SRTS Initiative, please click [here](#).

Procurement Postings

Southern California 511 Next Generation 511 Traveler Information Dissemination Services (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for services to procure professional services to develop the next generation of Southern California 511 Traveler Information Dissemination Services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, October 29, 2015 through Monday, April 11, 2016.

The purpose of the procurement is for the qualified firm to provide professional, innovative, industry-leading user-focused websites, mobile applications, social media, and direct messaging traveler information ("dissemination services") for the next generation of the Southern California 511 system ("NextGen 511") for Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Jim Martinez, Vendor/Contract Management, at (213) 922-6382.

Southern California 511 Traveler Information System, Next Generation 511, IVR Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services for the Southern California 511 Traveler Information System, Next Generation 511, IVR Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, October 29, 2015 through Monday, April 11, 2016.

The Los Angeles County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (LA SAFE) is seeking a qualified firm to provide professional, industry leading and exceptional user focused interactive voice response (IVR) services for the next generation of the Southern California 511 System.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by W. T. (Ted) Sparkuhl, Sr. Contract Administrator, at 213.922.7399.

External Investigator Services for EEO (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure investigator services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, October 26, 2015 through Friday, February 12, 2016.

Metro is in need of external neutral fact-finders to investigate and report on employee complaints of workplace harassment, discrimination, and other potential violations of Metro policies. The fact-finders determine whether or not there was fair and consistent treatment, fair and consistent enforcement of policies and standards, and whether job actions were based on legitimate, nondiscriminatory business reasons and in adherence with Metro policy.

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 – Expo Line, Green Line, Purple Line Extension, Patsaouras Transit Plaza, Regional Connector Transit Project, I-5

Metro Expo Line Phase II: Full Closure of Centinela Avenue at Exposition Boulevard -- For Storm Drain Installation

- To complete storm drain installation on Centinela Avenue, the design-build contractor Skanska-Rados, Joint Venture (SRJV) will need to implement street closure on Centinela Avenue between Olympic Boulevard and Exposition Boulevard
- Work starts the week of Monday, October 26, 2015 and will continue approximately 3 weeks, Sunday through Thursdays
- Work and closure hours will be from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Metro Green Line: Between Hawthorne/Lennox and Mariposa – Aviation/LAX Station Closure This Weekend

- As part of work for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, workers will be installing a safety barrier to separate Green Line tracks from the future construction crews building out Crenshaw/LAX tracks
- Green Line service will be replaced by bus shuttles between Hawthorne/Lennox and Mariposa Stations
- The station will be closed from 9:00 p.m. Friday, October 23, 2015 through Sunday, October 25, 2015 close of service.

Metro Purple Line Extension Project: POSTPONED – Wilshire Boulevard at La Brea Avenue Lane Reductions

- The traffic reconfiguration scheduled this weekend for Wilshire and La Brea has been postponed
- This work, which will prep Wilshire Boulevard for future pile installation, will be rescheduled shortly.

Patsaouras Transit Plaza: Closed Saturday Night for Repairs

- Patsaouras Transit Plaza, located on the east side of Union Station, will undergo asphalt repairs
- The closure will occur Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. through Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 6:00 a.m.
- During this closure, Metro buses will use Cesar Chavez/Vignes and Cesar Chavez/Alameda Bus Stops.

Regional Connector Transit Project: Lane Reduction and Full Closure – 1st Street between Alameda Street and Vignes Street

- Workers will begin the placement of K-Rails and traffic lane reconfiguration needed to perform roadway widening along 1st Street between Alameda Street and Vignes Street
- A full closure of 1st Street will begin Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 6:00 a.m. through Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
- Traffic on 1st Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction on Monday, October 26, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and will repeat through Friday, October 30, 2015.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All construction updates

*“He plants trees to benefit another generation”
~Caecilius Statius*



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