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Government Relations Hosts Senators Beall and Allen

Today, Metro's Government Relations department hosted California State Senator Jim Beall, Chairman of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee and Senator Ben Allen, a member of our LA County delegation and a strong supporter of Metro's projects, for a briefing and a tour. The Senators were briefed on key projects in Senator Allen's district and Metro's current and future local, State and Federal Funding.

Eco Rapid Transit Legislative Briefing and Tour

This morning, I joined Lakewood Councilmember and Metro Board Member Diane DuBois and a host of State and local Elected Officials for the Eco Rapid Transit Legislative Briefing and Tour. Local and State officials discussed the need to prioritize transportation projects and look for creative funding mechanisms to bring the projects to reality. The Eco Rapid briefing included a bus tour of the West Santa Ana branch transit project – a second decade Measure R project strongly supported in the Gateway Cities area.

Metro Citizen's Advisory Council Quarterly Update

On Thursday, Metro's Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC) provided their quarterly update to the Metro Executive Management Committee. CAC Chair Dalila Sotelo, the first Latina Member and President of the CAC, highlighted the goals of the CAC's FY 2016 Work Plan, and reminded the Board Members about the vacancies and opportunity to appoint new CAC members to serve on the CAC. The majority of the CAC presentation was spent on honoring the "CAC Person of the Year for 2015," Judge Harry Pregerson and "CAC Organization of the Year for 2015," Friends 4 Expo Transit. The honorees are selected for their selfless service and leadership in successfully advancing regional mobility and transportation in Southern California.

The honorees attended the meeting and were presented with Crystal Flame awards, Metro Resolutions and had their photos taken with the Metro Directors that serve on the Executive Management Committee. The Metro CAC was authorized by State Charter as an advisory body of

community representatives from throughout the region to consult, obtain and collect public input on those matters of interest and concern to the Community and communicate key feedback and CAC recommendations with respect to such issues to the Metro Board and staff. Issues may also be assigned to the CAC by Metro for its review, comment and recommendation. Every Board member may appoint up to 4 members to the CAC and I encourage every director to fill their seats on this important group. There are currently 14 members serving on the Committee.

Metro Board Members Ride the New Gold Line Extension

On March 5, Metro will again make history by opening the first Measure R-funded project, a \$1 billion, 11.5 mile extension of the Gold Line along the San Gabriel foothills to Azusa. The extension will make the line the longest on our system, and is considered the opening salvo of Metro's transit revolution. This project, delivered on time and on budget through a partnership with the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority, would not have been possible without the leadership of our Board of Directors. On Wednesday morning, it was a pleasure to celebrate the Board's leadership and commitment by taking our first ride on the line with Vice Chair John Fasana, Board Directors Don Knabe, Michael Antonovich and Ara Najarian and several VIPs on a new Kinkisharyo P3010 train. I was very encouraged by the media response as well.

Thank you to all, especially Operations and Communications, who made this preview ride possible, and for working tirelessly to ensure not only a smooth opening of this line, but excellence in service and support system wide, every day.

Metro Shows off Literary Talents at AAEA's Poet's Corner

On Wednesday, the African American Employees Association continued their celebration of Black History Month by bringing back an old tradition, the Poet's Corner. The Poet's Corner gave employees from diverse backgrounds and diverse work experiences a chance to come together around a common literary tradition – poetry, and I understand that the standing room only crowd was pleasantly surprised and inspired by what was shared. About 10 employees shared for the group. One employee received a standing ovation for his powerful, booming recital of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream," while another shared the compelling perspective of a child bravely but innocently integrating into a school formerly for all white students. Several poets shared works from their published collections while others were standing in front of an audience for the first time.

I support opportunities such as this to come together, learn things we did not know about one another, and build trust through a willingness to share and be vulnerable. This makes us more unified, trusting and in turn, more intentional in our work. Thank you to the AAEA leadership for facilitating this out of the box, co-curricular event, and specific thanks to Diane Frazier and Shardae Jackson for putting it together.

Meeting with Crenshaw Area Business Owners

On Wednesday, I had an opportunity to hear the concerns, solutions, and ideas posed by a small, localized group of Crenshaw area business owners and community advocates. I want to thank Mr. Danny Bakewell, Sr. and Mrs. Pamela Bakewell, as well as Director Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker and the Office of Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas for their part in convening and facilitating this important opportunity to hear not only community perspectives, but their vision for the community as the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project is built.

Power Hour with the LAX Coastal Chamber

Power Hours are exclusive (VIP) events put on by the LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce to engage with their corporate sponsors who support the chamber's mission. Their footprint is from LAX to the coastal area west of the airport. Industry leaders are featured, as part of this networking mixer to share insights and to answer questions 1-on-1. On Tuesday, I was featured at a Power Hour hosted at the Ritz Carlton in Marina Del Rey where approximately 40 attendees from transportation and construction backgrounds participated, including key LAX-area stakeholders.

I was able to express my excitement and optimism about our transportation plans currently in the works in LA County, and to give an update on the upcoming openings for the Foothill Extension and Expo Phase 2. It was great to point out for the group that the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project is quickly approaching 50% completion, and also to emphasize the importance of developing procurement practices that help small and mid-size firms to better compete for Metro contracts.

Be a Part of the Gold Line Extension Grand Opening - Volunteer Now

As we get ready to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Gold Line Extension, we would like to share this milestone with you, our Metro family. We invite you to be a part of history through this amazing volunteer opportunity on Saturday, March 5.

To join the fun, sign up as a volunteer below, and we look forward to seeing you at this spectacular event!

[Sign-up here.](#)

Shift Time

Saturday, March 5, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 5, 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Employees must be available to work an eight hour shift on the day of the event.

This opportunity is open to all Metro Employees who are able to work the event without compensation. Volunteers will receive a Gold Line Extension ambassador package with a hat, t-shirt, and commemorative pin. Individual lunches will be provided.

Must attend a mandatory training session (there's one left). For schedules and more information, [click here.](#)

Metro's Draft Public Participation Plan

Earlier this month, Metro Community Relations released our Draft Public Participation Plan (Plan) for a 30-day public comment period concluding March 12, 2016. The FTA requires Metro to issue a Plan as part of its Title VI Program Update every three years. This plan guides all of Metro's outreach to gather important public input on possible changes to bus and rail service, new projects in planning and in construction, fares and other programs. We are seeking the public's input to help make this plan the best it can be.

We sent an e-blast to several thousand stakeholders county-wide, presented at Metro's five sub-regional Service Councils, Citizens Advisory Council, and Accessibility Advisory Committee. We also spread the word through social media, The Source and El Pasajero, and sent a press release. Based on the public feedback, we will revise the Draft Plan and submit it to the Metro Board of Directors for their consideration this fall as part of the 2016 Title VI Program Update. Visit metro.net/communityrelations to view the Draft Plan in English and other languages, learn about where to comment and meetings where the Draft Plan will be presented, and view the presentation.

Metro Art Celebrates Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day

The Crenshaw/LAX-Corridor based New Orleans Traditional Jazz Band performed on Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday, February 9), leading a procession of appreciative transit patrons from Union Station East to the historic station during evening rush hour. On Valentine's Day a well-attended tour explored artworks in the Metro system interspersed with short scenes from love-themed Shakespearean plays performed in partnership with the Independent Shakespeare Company. Metro Art tours are often the public's first experience Going Metro. The programs are presented as part of our ongoing effort to engage diverse communities, improve the transit environment and attract customers.

For photos of both programs, visit [here](#) and [here](#).

Procurement Postings

Small Business Prime Digital Incident Management System (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Digital Incident Management System software and related implementation services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Business only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, February 19, 2016 through Friday, July 8, 2016.

Metro is seeking services from an experienced and qualified firm to provide Digital Incident Management System software and related implementation services.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Mark Lu, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4689.

Ornamental Welding and Replacement (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to provide ornamental steel welding and repair work. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, February 25, 2016 through Monday, April 4, 2016.

Metro is seeking a qualified licensed firm that specializes in all types of ornamental steel welding and repair work at Metro's Union Station East property includes the Gateway Headquarters Building, Patsaouras Transit Plaza, the East Portal Building and all connecting outdoor areas.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Rommel Hilario, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4654.

Custodial Maintenance Services for Harbor Transitway Stations, Customer Service Centers and Lost & Found Facility (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to provide janitorial services and supplies for Harbor Transitway Stations, Customer Service Centers and Lost & Found Facility. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, February 24, 2016 through Thursday, June 23, 2016.

Metro is seeking a qualified licensed Contractor to provide Custodial services for the Agency's Harbor Transitway stations (8 locations), three (3) Customer Service centers and one (1) Lost and Found center.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Rommel Hilario, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4654.

Sustainability Engineering Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a Sustainability Engineering Services – Climate Change and Adaptation and Green House Gases Emissions Consultant as the most qualified consultant to provide Architecture and Engineering (A&E) services, labor, equipment, materials and all other services necessary to perform climate change resiliency, vulnerability, and adaptation,

greenhouse gas emissions, air quality, carbon capture, Cap and Trade, and other related goals of Metro's sustainability effort, and prepare and review design and construction documents and specifications, analyses, studies, surveys, investigations, modeling, predictions, and/or reports related to the operation and maintenance of Metro's transportation system, facilities, and support activities. Metro projects may include, but are not limited to, new and existing Metro facilities, projects and changes to rail development and bus service.

Consultant shall employ or subcontract as necessary with such diverse professionals as Climate Change Scientists; Climate Adaptation Specialists; Risk Management Specialists; Climate Resiliency Specialists; GIS Operators; CADD/Microstation Operators; Greenhouse Gas/Air Quality Specialists; Grants Managers; Technical Experts; Professional Engineers; Sustainability Engineers; Sustainability Planners; Coastal Engineers; Transportation Specialists; and such other professional practitioners as may be needed to support the required climate adaptation, climate vulnerability, climate resiliency, carbon capture, GHG reduction/mitigation related initiatives/projects. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, March 3, 2016 through Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Daniel A. Robb, Designated Consultant, Contracts at (213) 922-1304.

Construction Notices – Green Line, I-5

Metro Green Line: Bus Shuttles Replace Rail Service – between Long Beach BI and Norwalk Stations

- Work crews will need a full track closure for upgrades to the Green Line signaling system this weekend
- Bus shuttle service will replace rail service from Norwalk Station to Long Beach BI Station
- Bus shuttle service will begin Friday, February 19 at 9:00 p.m. through Sunday, February 21, close of service.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All construction updates

In honor of budget season: "The budget is not just a collection of numbers, but an expression of our values and aspirations"

~Jacob Lew



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