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More to Explore: The Expo Line Touched Down in Santa Monica

It has arrived, everyone. Today, we proudly held our Grand Opening Ceremony for the complete Metro Exposition Line from Downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica. The Metro Board of Directors celebrated in beautiful downtown Santa Monica alongside Expo Construction Authority Board Members, City of Santa Monica Officials, Culver City Officials, State and Federal Officials, Metro Executives and Staff, business communities, stakeholders, the general public and many others. This important project that will improve mobility and quality of life would not have been possible without the support of Los Angeles County voters and their support for Measure R. I thank the public for their support and I look forward to the success of this line and its proven ability to exceed ridership estimates. Take a ride, there is more to explore.

The Plan to Ease Traffic: Telephone Town Hall Meetings Conclude

This week we hosted our final round of Telephone Town Hall meetings hosted by our Directors: Mayor Eric Garcetti, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Council Member Mike Bonin, and Jacqueline Dupont-Walker. A total of 12,869 residents participated in the telephone town hall discussions this week. Through the 14 Telephone

Town Hall meetings, we reached more than 48,000 Los Angeles County residents to discuss Metro's Plan to Ease Traffic and provide them an opportunity to share their thoughts and ask questions about the potential ballot measure and about Metro in general. Key topics addressed during the Telephone Town Halls by participants included, but were not limited to:

- Future transportation plans for rail projects that connect to the LAX and existing rail corridors (e.g., connections to Expo, Crenshaw, Blue, Red, Gold and Green Lines)
- Status of extending the Metro Gold Line east to Claremont and to El Monte/Whittier
- Plans for future Active Transportation Projects to promote healthier communities and improve first/last mile connections
- Highway improvements, especially along the I-405 and I-710
- The need to look into increased parking opportunities along the Metro Gold and Expo Lines
- Overall bus and rail service and suggestions for improving service and safety
- General questions about the potential sales tax measure including what it would fund, how long and average costs

At next week's Board of Director's meeting, we will be providing a summary of all the public input we have received since the release of the Draft Expenditure Plan in March 2016.

To listen to the complete audio recording of each telephone town hall, please visit www.metro.net/theplan.

Metro Attends Faith Leaders Breakfast

On Wednesday, LA County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas and I attended the inaugural Faith Leaders Breakfast to inform faith leaders about the multitude of transportation initiatives and programs currently underway at Metro and explore ways to work closer with the faith community. The event, held at Dulan's Restaurant on Crenshaw, was attended by 45 members of the clergy including co-hosts Bishop Charles Blake, Apostle Beverly BAM Crawford, Rev. Xavier Thompson and Bishop Kenneth Ulmer. We were joined by Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins, Chief Planning Officer Therese McMillan, Executive Officer of Security and Law Enforcement Alex Wiggins, Executive Officer of Diversity and Economic Development Miguel Cabral and Deputy Executive Officer of Community Relations Ann Kerman. A Metro Faith-Based Advisory Board will be created in the coming months with the goal of developing partnerships in the community and increasing opportunities to more effectively connect and communicate with the faith community.

Second Community Meeting on Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Improvements

On Tuesday, Metro hosted a second community meeting for the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Improvement Project where about two dozen community members joined us at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Public Health. A presentation was given showing the preliminary conceptual designs that will address the goals of the project including Safety and Security, the Community Plaza, Bike Hub, Neighborhood Connectivity, Moving through the Station, and the Art design process. The responses from those in attendance were very positive and constructive. A representative for Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas was present. We are scheduled to return to the community for a follow-up meeting during the summer where we will present an updated design.

New Pedestrian Access Project Opens at Metro Orange Line Canoga Park Station

On Monday morning, Metro Executive Director for Program Management Rick Clarke joined Los Angeles City Councilmember Bob Blumenfield and local stakeholders to officially open a new pedestrian station entrance at the Canoga Metro Orange Line Station in Canoga Park. The project connects the Metro Orange Line's east platform directly to an existing pedestrian walkway that leads to four large apartment complexes and a FedEx building behind the station. More than 2,000 nearby residents can now directly access the station for transit trips to Warner Center, North Hollywood or Chatsworth. The station entrance features an ADA-compliant walkway, protective fencing, lighting, security cameras, irrigated landscaping, TAP vending machine and a TAP card validator for new neighborhood patrons. These types of connections are part of Metro's commitment to support new transit-oriented communities on the Metro system. For photos from this event as posted on The Source, [click here](#).

Seminar for California Contract Cities Association

This past weekend, I joined City of Duarte Councilmember and Metro Vice Chair John Fasana and Caltrans Director and Metro Boardmember Carrie Bowen at the 57th Annual Municipal Seminar for the California Contract Cities Association. Along with Vice Chair Fasana and Director Bowen, I presented Metro's proposed Expenditure Plan to an audience of over 200 representatives from our local Southern California Cities. A short question and answer period followed where issues were raised such as Metro's plans for a state of good repair, project delivery and the status of area-specific projects. The conference is an annual event that is attended by staff and elected officials from the 67 member cities.

Vermont Bus Rapid Transit Stakeholder Roundtable

Last week, Metro Director Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker along with Countywide Planning and Community Relations staff hosted a Stakeholder Roundtable to gather input for the Vermont Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor Technical Study currently being conducted. The study is examining 12.5 miles of Vermont from Hollywood Boulevard to 120th Street in the City and County of Los Angeles. Representatives from various community organizations, religious and cultural institutions, as well as major employers and other key stakeholders attended this meeting. Some of the key comments heard in the meeting included a desire for 24-hour BRT service, concerns about the potential loss of a travel lane or curbside parking with a dedicated BRT bus lane and that additional off-street parking structures should be considered if curbside parking is impacted. Future stakeholder roundtables will be held as the study progresses.

Procurement Postings

Millwork, Cabinetry & Countertop Production (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Millwork, Cabinetry & Countertop Production. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, May23, 2016 through Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

The selected contractor will replace, repair, reproduce or manufacture new cabinetry and millwork contained in the Union Station Gateway Building (USG) based on the specifications required by Metro.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Antwaun Boykin, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1056.

California Transportation Commission Technical Advisory Services (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure professional services for California Transportation Commission Technical Advisory Services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, May 23, 2016 through Tuesday, August 23, 2016.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified firm to represent and advocate before the California Transportation Commission, the California State Transportation Agency, and the California State Department of Transportation, the positions and policies of Metro.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Brian Selwyn, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4679.

Metro Pilot Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Business Solution Center (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services for the Metro Pilot Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Business Solution Center (BSC). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, May 24, 2016 through Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

Metro is seeking the services of a qualified Contractor to operate the BSC inclusive of providing: (1) one-on-one focused client services for small and micro businesses located along the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Corridor, (2) access to services via multiple avenues including a field and virtual (web based) presence, and (3) an outreach program for small and micro businesses on the Corridor to facilitate the utilization of available services and resources including access to other business experts and resource providers referred through the BSC.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lily Lopez, Sr. Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-4639.

Landscape Services - Metro Headquarters (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure landscape and irrigation maintenance services for the Union Station East Property. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, May 26, 2016 through Thursday, July 14, 2016.

Metro requires the services of a licensed landscape contractor for maintenance and care of all landscaping and irrigation systems on the Union Station East Property. The entire property consists of 12 acres including a second floor outdoor playground in the Child Care 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.

TAP Technical Projects Consultant (RFP) Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure consulting services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, June 20, 2016 through Friday, July 29, 2016.

Consulting services to develop and deploy new technologies to enhance the regional fare collection system.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Gary Mah at (213) 922-1074.

Construction Notices - Purple Line Extension, C/LAX Project, I-5

Purple Line Extension Project: [Wilshire Directional Closure](#) -- Between Detroit Street and La Brea Avenue

- There will be an eastbound Wilshire Boulevard directional closure between Detroit Street and La Brea Avenue
- Thru traffic will be detoured at Fairfax Avenue
- Closures will be from 9:00 p.m. Friday, May 20 through 6:00 a.m. Monday, May 23
- Work hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project: [Road Repairs](#) at Hyde Park Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard

- Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors will be working on road repairs on Hyde Park Boulevard., east of Crenshaw Boulevard. This activity will be completed in one day, between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Westbound traffic on Hyde Park Boulevard will need to turn north or south on 11th Avenue.
- Eastbound traffic on Hyde Park Boulevard will need to turn north or south on Crenshaw Boulevard

Caltrans Interstate 5: All Construction Updates [here](#).

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