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All Hands Meeting: 2nd Annual Celebrating Excellence in the Workplace Awards

This morning, I was proud to be a part of Metro's All Hands Meeting: 2nd Annual Celebrating Excellence in the Workplace Awards ceremony. I want to thank our Metro Board Chair John Fasana for joining us and providing opening remarks filled with encouragement and praise for our tremendous work. This was a great event produced and hosted by our Talent Acquisition department, with amazing entertainment provided by our very own Metro Express Band, to celebrate you - the people that work to keep Los Angeles County moving.

I took the opportunity to update the Metro family on hot items currently being worked on including Measure M implementation, the new law enforcement approach, state of good repair and asset management, enhancing the customer experience, professional development, strength in diversity and other important items. Awards were presented to employees and teams who have demonstrated excellence in the following categories:

- Customer Service – Edith Goff-Youngblood
- Innovation – Master Mechanic Group at CMF
- Safety – Jose Soni
- Spirit – Mathew Barrett
- Team Work – Communications Department
- Division of the Year – Division 18 (Bus); Division 14 (Rail)
- Wheel Chair Securement Award – Carlos Flores
- CEO's Awards –Mathew Antonelli; Julie Owen; Glen Becerra; Classification & Compensation Team; One Fitness Team

Lastly, I made sure to reiterate that each and every one of us plays a crucial role in the overall goal of this agency: To Provide Excellence in Service and Support. From the Custodians, to the Planners, to the Executive Officers and everyone in between - we all must continue to do our job in order to execute the operation of our core business, safely moving Los Angeles County residents and visitors from point A to point B.



Local High School Students Job Shadow at Metro

Yesterday, we hosted 25 high school students from the Inglewood area as part of the Inglewood/Airport Area Chamber of Commerce's 36th Annual Youth Job Shadow Day. Metro Board Member and Mayor of Inglewood James Butts gave students from Animo Inglewood, City Honors, Inglewood, Morningside and St. Mary's High Schools an introduction and recognition at our Regular Board Meeting before they began their schedule of tours and demonstrations by various Metro teams and departments.

The program matches high school students with a business of their choice for a day in order to give them an opportunity to experience first-hand how that business operates. I must say, these students made a great choice coming to Metro for the day. The students took various tours of Metro, learned about Metro's projects, programs, careers, and how the Metro system operates. Also, they had a chance to visit the vintage "Rosa Parks" bus parked outside in the bus plaza. I hope this day assisted these future leaders in making solid career choices, further education choices, and overall sparking their interest in certain directions they would like to follow. Thank you to the Metro Community Relations team for hosting and planning the student's schedule for the day and to the Metro staff who presented to them and provided tours.



First Meet the Primes Event Since Passage of Measure M

Wednesday evening, I addressed an audience of small businesses and Prime Contractors at the first "Meet the Primes" event since the passage of Measure M. It was great to have the Metro Board Room filled to

standing room capacity with people eager to learn about Metro's future plans, programs for small business and opportunities that will be part of the transportation revolution led by this Agency. The energy in the room, and in the meetings afterward, was electric, with over 600 businesses and 32 Primes exchanging information. Planned business ventures, proposals, subcontracting prospects, and possible joint ventures was the order of the day. Primes that plan to bid on the Westside Purple Line Extension Project-Section 3 were especially popular, as the Industry Review on the previous day sparked great interest.

I would like to thank the Prime Contractors that attended and the small businesses that came ready to offer their services and bring their A-Game. In addition, thank you to Ivan Page, Executive Officer/Construction and Debra Avila, Chief of Vendor Contract Management, who were also on the program. This year's event, hosted by the Diversity Economic Opportunity Department, was the largest ever, and compliments on the effort are still being received. They did an incredible job producing and hosting this event.

Gateway Headquarters Ride with OEI Program Featured on L.A. Now

This week, the Los Angeles County public news program "L.A. Now" aired a story highlighting Metro's new ride along program. The program, started and led by the Office of Extraordinary Innovation, gives employees stationed at Metro Headquarters an opportunity to walk in the customers' shoes and see how their work impacts the system at large. This program is an excellent way to remember our core business we sometimes drift away from as we focus in on our specific projects. I encourage Gateway employees to sign up for a future ride.

To view the piece, please click [here](#). The segment airs just before the 5 minute mark.

Older Adult Transportation Pop-Up

In October 2016, Metro's On the Move Riders Program hosted the first Older Adult Transportation Expo. Due to the large turnout and inquiries by older adults, the program instituted Older Adult Transportation Pop-Up's scheduled throughout Los Angeles County. The first Pop-Up was held this past Tuesday at the West Angeles Villas in Los Angeles. Over 60 guests attended the event.

The event provided an opportunity for older adults throughout the region to participate in public transit related informational workshops and interact with exhibitors. Participating exhibitors included programs and services from Metro, including the Mobile Customer Center, TAP Services, Transit Safety Programs, System Security and Law Enforcement, and Guided Tours. Additional programs and services included the Rider Relief Transportation Program and LADOT.

Procurement Postings

South Bound I-605 Beverly Interchange Improvement (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit the preparation of a Project Report and Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) which will be used for the construction phase for the South Bound I-605 Beverly Interchange Improvement project. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, February 27, 2017 through Monday, June 26, 2017.

Metro will seek proposals from qualified professional and technical firms for developing the Project Report and Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) for proposed improvements to southbound Interstate 605 and Beverly Blvd Interchange, in the City of Pico Rivera and adjacent to the City of Whittier.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may

only be answered by Adrian Ziemer, Sr. Mgr., Contracts Administration at (213) 922-1109.

Soundwall No. 11 (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure the construction of Sound Wall No.11 between Route 170 from Route 101 Separation to Sherman Way Overcrossing and on route 405 from 0.2 miles north of Saticoy Street Undercrossing to 0.6 miles South of Roscoe Boulevard Undercrossing. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, February 24, 2017 through Monday, May 1, 2017.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Josie Mellen, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1105.

Construction Notices: Purple Line Extension Project, Regional Connector Project, I-5

Purple Line Extension Project: Fairfax Decking, Phase 1 -- Wilshire Blvd. between Fairfax and Spaulding
Beginning Friday, February 24 at 8:00 p.m. through Monday, February 27 at 6:00 a.m., there will be a full closure of Wilshire Blvd. from Fairfax Ave. to Spaulding Ave. to support the start of the Fairfax decking operation. Wilshire Blvd. will be reduced to one lane in each direction on Friday at 10:00 a.m. from Crescent Heights Blvd. to Spaulding Ave. to begin street excavation and demolition, in order to complete the noisier work during day time hours.

Regional Connector Transit Project: Equipment Maintenance Activity -- 1st Street and Alameda
Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) will be performing maintenance on geotechnical instrumentation at the intersection of 1st St. and Alameda St. in the city of Los Angeles. Work will begin on Saturday, February 25, 2017 for two Saturdays. Anticipated work hours, weather permitting will be 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays only.

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

"There is no short cut to achievement. Life requires thorough preparation -
veneer isn't worth anything."

- George Washington Carver

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