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Women Build Metro Los Angeles Symposium

Today, Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Hilda Solis joined Metro to present the Women Build Metro Los Angeles Symposium at East Los Angeles College in Monterey Park. This is the beginning of the second year that Metro has coordinated the Women Build Metro - LA (WBMLA) Program as part of the Workforce Initiative Now - Los Angeles, or WIN-LA. The Symposium is being conducted in partnership with the Office of Supervisor Solis, Office of Mayor Garcetti, Los Angeles Trade-Tech College, LA/OC Building Trades Council, Community Based Organizations, many of our prime contractors and includes many of our construction trades partners.

The WBMLA Program supports Metro's female workforce in the construction field goals by getting women the resources and skilled training necessary for a chance to enter the construction workforce. As we all know, Los Angeles County is undergoing the largest public works program in the nation, and a skilled and diverse workforce that includes women out on the frontlines is vital to the success of these construction projects.

Today's symposium is the first step towards a brighter future for many female participants who are low income and lack resources to obtain training, or have other barriers to employment. The symposium informs participants of the avenues to success in the industry, allows them to meet with women in the trades, and experience hands-on exercises for various trades. I want to thank our Metro Diversity and

Economic Opportunity Department for all the work they continue to do in support of efforts to interest, recruit and prepare women for careers in the construction industry.

Azusa Students Take Behind-the-Scenes Tour at Division 24

In partnership with the Azusa Chamber of Commerce and Azusa Unified School District, Azusa High School students had the opportunity yesterday to job shadow Metro employees at Division 24 in Monrovia. The Metro mentors, Roman Alarcon and Russell Homan, introduced the students to a typical day in the life of a Metro Employee. Students were treated to a tour of Division 24 and gained insight into the many inner workings of a rail yard. Metro staff also discussed the importance of transit safety as it related to the community. It was a great chance for the Metro Employees to give back to the communities we serve by giving students the chance to learn more about potential careers in transportation.



CalTrans/Metro Truck Platooning Demonstration at the Port of Los Angeles

On Wednesday, Metro Board Chair John Fasana and some of the Metro Senior Leadership Team joined Caltrans Director and Metro Board Member Carrie Bowen, California Transportation Commission Vice-Chair Fran Inman, Gateway Cities Council of Governments President Al Austin II, USDOT, FHWA, California Highway Patrol, and other local government officials for a demonstration of partially automated truck platooning, or Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control (CACC), at the Los Angeles Port complex. The demonstration gave transportation officials and stakeholders a first-hand experience of this rapidly maturing technology that could enhance safety, increase transportation system capacity, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Metro's Highway Program ITS Group worked with Caltrans to secure a federal grant for the development of this technology. The technology, developed by UC Berkeley Partners for Advanced Transportation Technology (PATH), Volvo Group, and Cambridge Systematics, was demonstrated as trucks drove the freeway safely in closer proximity than usual by using forward looking sensors and vehicle-to-vehicle communication to maintain automated speed and spacing.

The demonstration, which took place along I-110, simulated "real world" conditions as three big-rig trucks drove 50 feet apart at speeds of 55 miles per hour while hauling cargo containers, similar to those that shuttle between the port and industrial centers throughout Los Angeles County. CACC is an enhancement to Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) technology that provides closer and more accurate control of the distance between trucks than conventional ACC. This is a fantastic display of innovation in goods movement in our

region and I look forward to seeing how this will progress. You can find a full write-up and video from a local media source, [here](#).



A Visit to KPCC for AirTalk with Larry Mantle

On Tuesday, I went to the 89.3 KPCC studios to talk live on radio about the latest in transportation with the host of AirTalk, Larry Mantle. This was my first time back on AirTalk since the passage of Measure M and the November elections, so Larry wanted to get an update on various issues. We discussed the change of leadership in Washington D.C. and how that may affect Metro's current projects and programs. I informed him that we are pleased with the new Administration's call for major investment in infrastructure funding and we will continue to work closely with the Federal government to ensure our funding continues. After an initial opening discussion, Larry opens up the conversation to listeners who call-in and send-in questions. It was an interesting AirTalk session with great questions related to how Line 501 NoHo to Pasadena is doing, Metro system security, elimination of parking at our rail stations, temperature inside busses, and other topics. I want to thank Larry Mantle for having me on air with him to keep the public informed of the great work we are doing here at Metro. You can listen to the recording [here](#).

626 Golden Streets Draws Mega Crowds on Metro Rail

The 626 Golden Streets event this past Sunday marked a huge day for Metro and the San Gabriel Valley, with a rail system increase in Metro TAP pass sales of 9%, and a whopping 40% increase in boardings (measured by TAPs) on the Gold Line compared with the average from the previous month.

The longest Open Street event in North American history was golden, with over 17 miles of car free streets commemorating the one year anniversary of the opening of the Gold Line extension. Despite the rain, 100,000 people attended the event; biking, walking, and taking Metro Rail along the route that ran along the foothill communities of South Pasadena, San Marino, Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa.

Metro is a presenting sponsor providing an Open Street Grant to plan and produce the event. This event is the last of 11 Cycle One Metro Open Street Grant events. Stay tuned for 17 more events in Los Angeles County in the next two years under Cycle Two.

I want to thank the Metro Operations and Metro Active Transportation teams for their incredible work in making this successful day happen. I also want to thank our Metro Chair and City of Duarte Mayor Pro Tem John Fasana, and the Metro Board Members that joined this event to show their support for community building through active transportation and open streets.

For more info and photos, check out the story on the [Source](#).



Multiple Agency Exchange Program Kicks Off at LA County Metro

This year, the Multi-Agency Exchange (MAX) Program kicked-off its series of week-long agency visits and tours here at Los Angeles County Metro. This is the program's sixth year that gives transit professionals from Dallas (DART), Denver (RTD), Atlanta (MARTA), and Metro the opportunity to visit each agency and exchange best practices. Participants were able to hear from Metro executives, visit divisions, and explore Los Angeles. A few highlights include: a field visit to the Regional Connector, a tour of Division 14 in Santa Monica, leadership presentations by the ENO Foundation, a special presentation by General Manager of LADOT Seleta Reynolds, and a tour of Division 13 and CMF. I want to thank Metro Talent Development and all the supporting departments for coordinating this week's events. The MAX delegates had an amazing experience at Metro and are looking forward to their next stop at MARTA.

Metro Board Chair to Appear on Fox 11 News Roundtable Discussion

This Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Metro Board Chair John Fasana will appear on a segment for KTTV Fox 11's new program, "Fox 11 News in Depth" for a roundtable discussion on a range of transportation issues. Chair Fasana will be joined by Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Hasan Ikhata and the network plans to weave in video footage of Metro's various future and ongoing regional projects to the segment. From transit and highway projects, to new initiatives that promise to improve and accelerate construction, Chair Fasana will have ample opportunity to show the public how Metro is working hard to deliver on the promises of Measure M.

Provide Your Input on the FY18 Budget Development Process

Metro's Office of Finance and Budget has kicked off the FY18 Budget Development outreach to the public and key stakeholders. Opportunities to provide comments for the FY18 Budget are currently being advertised through multiple channels, with presentations at the monthly Service Councils and internal meetings taking place this month and a telephone town hall scheduled for Tuesday, March 28.

Los Angeles County residents are invited to use the [interactive online Budget Tool](#) that includes a short survey to guide budgeting, set priorities, allocate dollars and provide feedback. For more details on how to provide comments and the schedule of meetings, please visit our Metro Finance and Budget webpage [here](#).

Quality of Life Report: How is Metro Measuring Up?

I am a firm believer that investments made today will pay dividends tomorrow through long-term impacts well beyond mobility. We want our transportation dollars to generate jobs, housing and business opportunities. We want connections for all who live, work and play in Los Angeles County. While we focus on delivering both services and new infrastructure, as stewards of the public's resources, we are committed to monitoring and evaluating whether investments are delivering on their promise, or where there is room for improvement. That is why we commissioned the [Quality of Life Study](#).

Last year, staff pulled together a plethora of data to document the impact of our local transportation investment on the region. Most of the data and facts presented in this study compare 2008, when LA County voters approved Measure R, to the most recently available data (2014 or 2015). This report shows how the region has benefitted in numerous ways since 2008 and also shows some areas for improvement. Some interesting findings include:

- The conditions on LA County freeways show SigAlerts are down 36 percent since 2008.
- Metro ExpressLanes are paying off -- on the 110 freeway ExpressLanes, drivers are going 10 MPH faster, and on the 10 freeway ExpressLanes, drivers leaving downtown LA are traveling 30 MPH faster than those in general purpose lanes.
- Since 2008, over 480,000 LA County residents gained access to new rail, or Bus Rapid Transit services.
- The report also shows that crime on Metro is down by 9 percent.

I encourage you to review the [report](#) to get a better understanding of the great work we are doing and also see where we can make improvements.

Procurement Postings

Metro Red Line P2550 Heavy Rail Vehicles (HRV) Traction Motor Overhaul (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure overhaul services for Traction Motors. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 10, 2017 through Monday, August 7, 2017.

The purpose of the project is to provide services for pick up, overhaul, deliver and warrant Traction Motors used on Metro's Red Line rail cars.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Edmund Gonzales, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3073.

Currency Processing Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a qualified contractor for Currency Processing Services. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, March 15, 2017 through Friday, June 30, 2017.

The contractor shall provide currency processing services, assume full responsibility for the currency at pick-up, and shall be responsible for providing an armored car service to transport funds.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Kenneth Takahashi, Sr. Manager at (213) 922-1047.

Workplace Violence Prevention, Consultation, Assessment & Training (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure expert consulting services within the field of workplace violence prevention. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, March 13, 2017 through Monday,

June 5, 2017.

Metro is seeking a contractor to provide professional workplace violence psychological assessment, case management, and consulting service to management and members of the Threat Management Team.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Marc Margoni, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1304.

Construction Notices: Purple Line Extension Project, I-5

Purple Line Extension Project: Weekend Wilshire Blvd Full Closure -- POSTPONED

Due to continued utility work on Wilshire Blvd. decking for the Wilshire/Fairfax station will be postponed this weekend, March 10-13, 2017. Wilshire BI will NOT be closed at Fairfax Ave. and there will not be any detours for traffic or Metro buses this weekend.

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

"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

- Dr. Seuss

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