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2018 California Passenger Rail Summit

The 6th Annual California Passenger Rail Summit took place last week here at Metro Gateway Headquarters where Chief Program Management Officer Rick Clarke, Chief Planning Officer Therese McMillan, Chief Innovation Officer Joshua Schank and Senior Executive Officer Bryan Pennington all participated in panels and speaking roles. Summit participants addressed the important issues facing passenger rail development and the growing needs of California. Some of the latest rail equipment was on display at the Union Station track platforms including a Siemens locomotive, a Metrolink Tier 4 Engine and a few of the privately-owned vintage passenger rail cars. Metro gladly hosted a technical tour of the Regional Connector Transit Project as well as a tour of historic Union Station. Passenger rail is a key component to regional mobility and the California Passenger Rail Summit is an excellent catalyst to discussion on how we integrate all forms of transportation to provide the best mobility options for residents and visitors in California. A special thanks to all the Metro staff involved in the planning process for this event and thanks to those who participated in panels and discussions.



Metro Displays Excellence in Tennis Corporate Tournament

The Metro tennis team competed in a corporate tournament on Sunday, April 15 at the Lakewood Tennis Center. I am proud to announce, for the first time ever, Metro took home the 1st place trophy! Metro managed to pull off a resounding victory competing against teams from Boeing, Southern California Edison, Northrop Grumman, and Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). Metro has been competing in this tournament for the past 14 years and until last year, had never finished higher than 4th place. The team has steadily improved in recent years and managed to finish in 2nd place at last year's tournament.

After the championship match, team captain Jackie Bobo said, "That's what I'm talking about Metro...Let's Keep it Going." Team members consist of Jackie Bobo-Fabre, Steve Ramsey, Milind Joshi, Jay Joshi, Joe Caldito, Jane Caldito, Thomas Traylor, Don Washington, and Chris Warner. Metro's next tournament will take place Saturday, October 28, 2018. The team is always looking for new members –if you are interested in participating, please contact Jackie Bobo at BoboJ@metro.net or Steve Ramsey at RamseyS@metro.net. Congratulations Metro Tennis team.



Women Build Metro LA Symposium in the Third Supervisorial District

On Saturday, Metro Board Member and Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl hosted a "Women Build Metro LA" (WBMLA) symposium in the City of Van Nuys, within her Third Supervisorial District. The

symposium, an initiative of the Metro Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD), is a vehicle for women and men interested in the construction trades to learn about the path to a fulfilling and lucrative career. The goal is to increase the pool of qualified female workers on our Metro construction projects and beyond. WBMLA engages and informs women about the opportunity, sacrifice and benefit of a career in the Trades. Attendees are addressed by working tradeswomen, Prime Contractors and groups that support women in this endeavor.

Ron Miller Executive Secretary, LA/OC Building & Construction Trades Council, was one of the featured speakers. Women in Non-Traditional Employment Roles, (WINTER) a Metro partner specializing in female pre-apprenticeship training, spoke to the audience of over 70 women and men about the training available at no cost, but also about the rigor and required excellence demanded of life in the Trades. Attendees registered for Training Center visits as well. I want to give a special thanks to DEOD staff and to our Public Relations team for their work on this worthwhile project.



President's Award at the Legacy Ladies 14th Annual Torch Awards

Also over the weekend, it was my privilege to accept the President's Award at the Legacy Ladies 14th Annual Torch Awards in Marina Del Rey. Being recognized for my career in the military to my present position as CEO of LA Metro was a great honor. Just like Legacy Ladies, my goal is to prepare the next generation of young ladies for the vast career opportunities in transportation. We have developed a robust Metro Career Pathways Program preparing the workforce early through our transportation school for grades 6-12, and preparing job seekers for transportation career opportunities in the years to come. Legacy Ladies also recognized how Metro prepares our executive and senior level employees by strengthening management and leadership skills to broaden our approach at solving transportation challenges in LA County.

Legacy Ladies, Inc. is an organization that utilizes a leadership academy to prepare young girls to reach their goal of secondary education, and to explore new career opportunities, such as transportation. Their mission is to be a premier organization that transforms the lives of disenfranchised girls at Crenshaw, Dorsey, Washington Preparatory High Schools and in the near future expand to additional schools within Los Angeles Unified School District. They foster character, confidence and grace through academic and experiential programs; with the goal of developing extraordinary thinkers who are courageous leaders that will become productive global citizens.

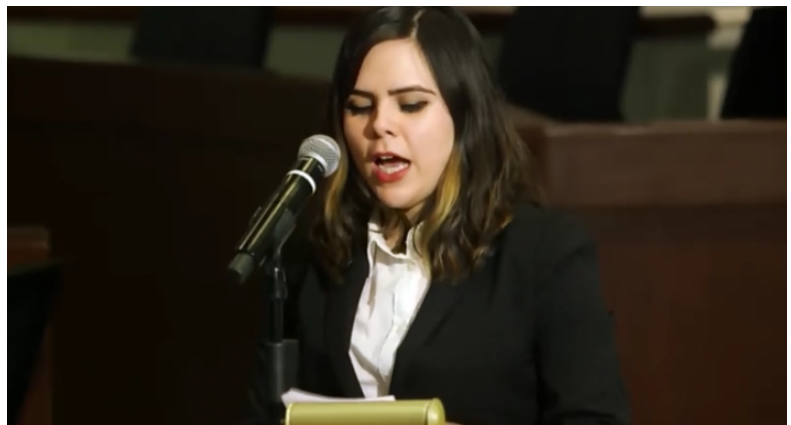
Once again, thank you to Legacy Ladies, Inc. for the honor to receive the President's Award and for their efforts in engaging young girls early on and encouraging them to explore a wide range of career opportunities including the fields of transportation and infrastructure.

Public Hearing Held for Division 20 Portal Widening and Turnback Facility Project

Metro staff recently hosted a public hearing and live webcast at Metro Headquarters to receive community input regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Division 20 Portal Widening and Turnback Facility Project. Metro is accepting public comment for the DEIR until Monday, April 30, 2018, after which staff will take into account all public comments received in preparation for the Final Environmental Impact Report anticipated for release in Fall 2018.

The project aims to accommodate increased service levels on the Metro Red and Purple Lines, including anticipated ridership growth following the completion of the Purple Line Extension to the future Westwood/VA Hospital Station. The project proposes operational improvements in the Division 20 Rail Yard located in the Arts District, downtown Los Angeles. Improvements include: widening of the heavy rail tunnel south of the US-101 freeway, a new turnback facility, and expansion and reconfiguration of rail storage tracks.

To view the webcast presentation, click [here](#).



Procurement Postings

East Bound SR-91/Atlantic Avenue to Cherry Ave Auxiliary Lane Improvement (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit the preparation of the Project Report and Environmental Document for approval (PAED), and the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) for the construction of the East Bound SR-91/Atlantic Avenue to Cherry Ave Auxiliary Lane Improvement Project (Project). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 23, 2018 through June 1, 2019.

Metro will seek proposals from well-qualified professional and technical firms for development of the PAED and PS&E for proposed improvements to the East Bound SR-91/Atlantic Avenue to Cherry Ave Auxiliary Lane Improvement Project, in the City of Long Beach.

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.

Metro Red Line UPS Batteries (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure UPS Batteries. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, April 20, 2018 through Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of UPS batteries for the Metro's Red Line 22 stations.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Aryani L. Guzman, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1387.

Transmission Kit - Master, Overhaul (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to procure Transmission Kit – Master, Overhaul. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, April 26, 2018 through Friday, August 3, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of Transmission kits required to maintain the bus fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Mona Ismail, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7376.

Mobile Tolling Proof of Concept (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for services to be procured. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, April 25, 2018 through Friday, July 20, 2018.

Metro seeks the services of a qualified Contractor to develop a proof of concept (Demonstration) to design, program, configure, and prove the efficacy and accuracy of a system in recording customer trips utilizing virtual gantries and widely available location-aware consumer mobile devices (e.g., GPS-enabled smartphones).

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Anush Beglaryan, Principal Contract Administrator (213) 418-3047.

Materials Verification Testing and Inspection Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a consultant to provide a full service laboratory (hereinafter referred to as "the Contractor") as identified here in support of all Metro's projects. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from April 13, 2018- June 21, 2018.

The Services to be performed will include providing portal-to-portal transportation, approved facilities, equipment and currently and appropriately qualified personnel as required to perform the Scope of Services, or other services that may be required.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered Noelle Santos, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-3647.

Patsaouras Bus Plaza: I-10 Busway Bridge Westbound Lane Closure

EXTENDED - The I-10 Busway Bridge between Alameda Street and Mission Rd. will be closed in the westbound direction, April 23 through 25, 2018, between the hours of 9:00pm and 5:00am, as construction crews perform related project work. Westbound busway traffic will close and detour at Route I-5.

Patsaouras Bus Plaza: Center St., Full Street Closure

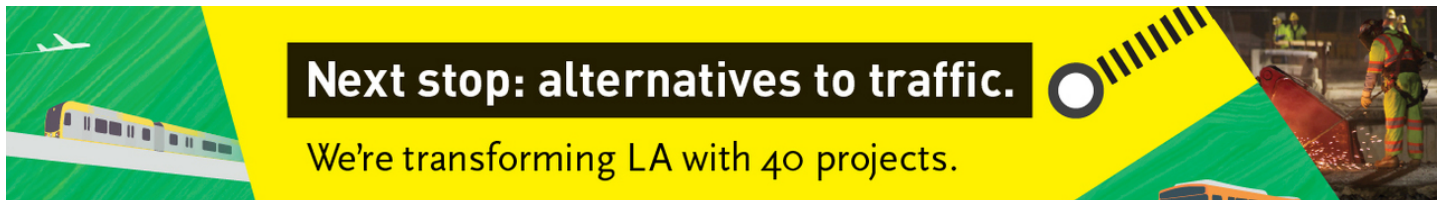
EXTENDED - Center St. between Ramirez St. & Commercial St., adjacent to the project workzone, will experience a full street closure beginning Monday, April 23 through Wednesday, April 25, 2018, late night between the hours of 9pm-5am. These closures are required as construction crews perform project related work at this location.

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

"Believe in something larger than yourself... get involved in the big ideas of your time."

~ Barbara Bush

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