

# CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

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### Guest of Honor at 2018 Transports Publics European Mobility Exhibition

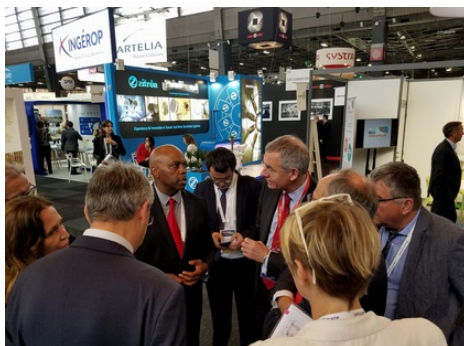
Last week I was in Paris, France, with a small delegation of Los Angeles Metro representatives serving as the Guest of Honor for the Transports Publics 2018 European Mobility Exhibition. The 3-day conference is an annual premier European conference and exhibition bringing together the latest innovations, tools and technology in transportation and mobility. Conference organizers reached out to Metro months ago to join European transportation officials and share what Los Angeles Metro is doing to advance mobility and rebuild aging infrastructure in one of the worlds most populated and busiest cities.

I had a packed schedule meeting with my counter parts and officials from Groupement des Autorites Responsables de Transport (GART), Union des Transports Publics et Ferroviaires (UTP), Union Internationale des Transports Publics (UITP) and many other European transportation groups and associations. Discussions varied in topics from how Los Angeles is finding innovative ways to combat congestion to how public transportation is managing its relation with autonomous trains and vehicles.

On the second day of the conference, I gave a presentation on Los Angeles Metro based on our Five-Point Plan: Implement Mobility Innovation, Capture the Hearts and Minds of the People, Embrace Equity, Foster Continuous Improvement, Step Into Leadership Voids. The American transportation industry was also

represented by American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Chair Nathaniel P. Ford who delivered a presentation on the state of the American transportation industry at large. The Metro delegation met with European tech, data, operations and marketing companies eager to share their latest innovations related to transportation and mobility. They also spent time answering questions and engaging with curious exhibition guests interested in transportation initiatives and development in Los Angeles.

We were humbled to receive this invite as Guest of Honor at the Transports Publics European Mobility Exhibition and to share with, and learn from, our European transportation partners. This honor is testament to the incredible work each and every one of us is doing here at Metro to become the greatest transportation agency in the world. Thank you to everyone involved in the planning and coordinating of this trip; and thank you to our Metro delegation - Communications Manager Ryan Lynch, Principal Transportation Planner Jonathan Adame, and Executive Assistant to the CEO Maritza Romero - for representing Los Angeles Metro with excellence.



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## Transportation School: Building the Workforce of the Future

Yesterday, I joined Metro Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Metro Board Member and Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and our partners from Los Angeles County and the South Los Angeles region to announce the kick-off of our Transportation School, which will prepare Los Angeles County youth for career and college pathways in the global transportation industry. The school's curriculum will be developed to teach students transferrable STEAM industry skills focused on science, technology, engineering, arts and math.

The school is the centerpiece of a larger Workforce Development Initiative that Metro has created to address the transportation industry's need for a skilled workforce. This educational and vocational program expands Metro's existing career pathway programs to include more high-school age youth, including those at-risk from underserved communities. Eventually, Metro will expand the program to reach youth across the County.

Nearly 40 percent of Metro's workforce is eligible for retirement in the next few years. As a result, Metro will need a new workforce to help plan, build, manage and operate the myriad of major transportation projects that the agency will deliver in the coming years. The Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) estimates that Measure M alone will support and create 778,000 jobs over the next 40 years. These youth will be the qualified and native workforce that helps build, maintain and operate Los Angeles County. The list of thank-you's would be very extensive but we are extremely grateful for everyone who has contributed to reaching this major milestone in the transportation school process.



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## **Metro Hosted Cal Poly Pomona's National Summer Transportation Institute at Union Station**

Metro recently hosted 50 students from Cal Poly Pomona's National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI) for a day of education and engagement. The NSTI program is dedicated to exposing talented high school and university students to careers in transportation. The group of bright STEM students were full of energy and questions, as they toured Metro Gateway Headquarters, Division 13 and Union Station. They received an official lecture on the interesting history of transportation in Los Angeles by our in-house expert, Matt Barrett, Director of Metro Library Services. They also learned about our three rail construction projects that are currently underway – Crenshaw/LAX, Regional Connector and the Purple Line Extension Transit Projects.

The day ended with the students providing Metro staff valuable feedback via the NextGen Bus Study. The students took on a challenge to report back to Metro fresh ideas for improving Metro technology, phone apps, customer experience, ridership and outreach to the youth. A special thanks goes out to Matt Barrett and the

Community Relations staff, Jody Litvak, Wilbur Babb, JC Lacey and Marcie Quezada for coordinating this important community engagement activity.



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### **Metro Introduces Sepulveda Transit Corridor Valley-Westside Concepts**

The public had an opportunity to learn more in-person about the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Feasibility Study at community meetings held June 7 in Westwood, June 9 in Van Nuys and June 12 in the LAX area. Metro staff introduced the initial Valley-Westside concepts being considered which include heavy rail, light rail, monorail, and rubber tire technology, each featuring connections to the Orange Line and East San Fernando Valley Corridor in the San Fernando Valley, and the Expo and Purple Lines on the Westside.

Over 200 people attended the meetings and the entire region had the opportunity to tune in to the live webcast of the June 12 meeting. The Metro team took questions from the live and online audience, and collected comment cards that will be considered as the concepts are further evaluated. These meetings come after two months of soliciting input from the public at events in the corridor and countywide from over 5,000 people who have participated in our online survey.



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### **Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY17 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**

I want to congratulate the Accounting Department on a great achievement for Metro. For the fifth consecutive year, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has presented the Metro Accounting Department with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. GFOA said, "The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management." Congratulations and keep up the great work.

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### **MSRC Funds \$2 Million for Zero Emission Bus Purchases through CTC Partnership Program**

At their meeting last week, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) awarded Metro \$2 million in funding for the New Flyer Zero Emission Bus project. Metro Countywide Planning and Operations staff applied for the funds as part of the Clean Transportation Funding County Transportation Commission's Partnership Program of SCAQMD's Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC). The MSRC funds projects that will enhance mobility while improving air quality in Southern California. The Long Range Planning unit identified the funding opportunity and worked in conjunction with the Strategic Financial Planning and Vehicle Technology & Acquisition units to submit the application and obtain approval from the MSRC-TAC and Board. The \$2 million in funding will be applied to the first four purchases of Zero Emission Buses.

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### **Procurement Postings**

#### **Blue and Gold Line Train Control Batteries (IFB)**

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Blue & Gold Line Train Control Batteries. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, June 14, 2018 through Friday, August 31, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of up to 600 train control batteries for the Metro's Blue and Gold Line 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.

#### CNG Fuel Filter (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure CNG Fuel Filter. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, June 15, 2018 through Monday, October 1, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of CNG fuel filters 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 Juelene Close, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1066.

#### Wireless Router Kit (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Wireless Routers. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 12, 2018 to September 28, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of 900 Wireless Routers to support and maintain Metro's bus fleet. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive unit price. Metro is seeking a vendor to supply Wireless Routers on an as needed basis for a twelve month period with a one (1) year option for additional quantities.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Juelene Close, Senior Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1066.

#### Tow Tractor - Yard Mules (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Tow Tractors (Yard Mules). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, June 15, 2018 through Friday, September 28, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of four (4) tow tractors (yard mules) to replace existing vehicles in the current fleet that support Metro's bus operations.

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.

#### Fire Sprinkler System Maintenance (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) seeking services from a qualified and licensed contractor to provide repair and maintenance to the existing fire sprinkler system. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Business only.** The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Monday, June 18, 2018 through Friday, August 31, 2018.

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

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### **Construction Notices: Crenshaw/LAX, Purple Line, I-5**

#### Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project: Full Northbound and Southbound Street Closure for Street Restoration

As part of Metro's Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC) will be working on the restoration of Crenshaw Bl. Restoration will begin at the three underground station areas along Crenshaw Bl. Restoration activities include removal of concrete panels, permanent placement of utilities, backfill and road repaving. Work at each station will be performed separately as three phases in progression from south to north. A separate notification will be sent out for the other two phases prior to the

commencement of the work.

The first phase will implement a closure at the Leimert Park Station area. This phase will require the closure of Crenshaw Bl between 48th St and 43rd St/Homeland Dr. The closure will begin at 6am June 15, 2018 through 6pm July 27, 2018.

Metro Purple Line Extension Project: Eastbound Wilshire Closure at Robertson

On Friday, June 22 at 8pm through Monday, June 25 at 6am there will be a closure of eastbound Wilshire Blvd. at Robertson Blvd. and a westbound lane reduction from La Cienega Blvd. to Carson Rd. These traffic plans are being implemented to support jet grouting preparation. Click the underlined title above for the complete construction notice and details.

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

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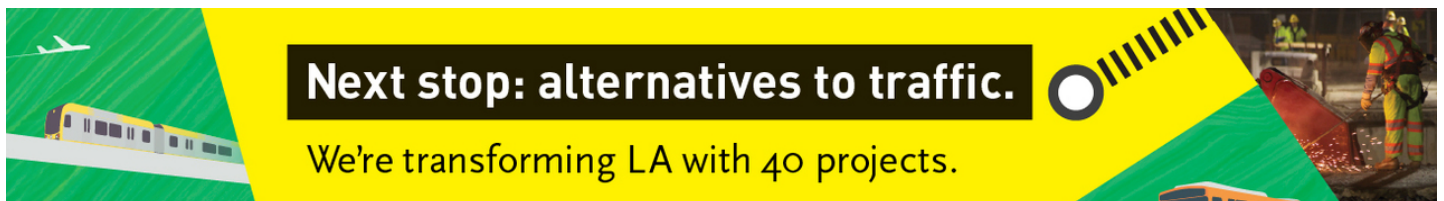
"Guard well within yourself that treasure, kindness. Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meanness."

~ George Sand

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