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2019 State of the Agency

Last week, I joined Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Sheila Kuehl and Metro's incoming Board Chair, Inglewood Mayor James Butts, in delivering the State of the Agency report to community leaders, stakeholders and Metro employees at Union Station. I gave a one-year update on the progress made in implementing the plan as well as a look ahead at some of the exciting things happening in the coming fiscal year.

During her term as Board Chair, Supervisor Kuehl guided the agency through the start of updating the Long Range Transportation Plan and advancing the NextGen Bus Study, led the Board in adopting the Re-Imagining Los Angeles County Initiative to explore congestion pricing and to complete 28 projects in time for the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics. Board Chair Kuehl also oversaw major construction accomplishments including the completion of the Southwest Yard maintenance and rail storage facility for the Crenshaw/LAX Line, the start and completion of tunneling for the first segment of the Purple Line, major advances on modernizing the Blue Line and the launch of a project to improve safety and speeds on the Orange Line.

Incoming Board Chair James Butts, who will take over on July 1, expressed his interests in completing the NextGen Bus Study and implementing the first phase of a new bus network as well as the completion of the Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Line. Vice Chair Butts emphasized his focus on having the agency deliver projects on time and on budget, embrace new technology solutions that are cost-effective and build a winning team by engaging with all our regional partners.



LA Metro Hosts EnoMAX Cohort and Gala Dinner

Last Week, Los Angeles Metro was the hosting agency for the EnoMAX cohort. Metro staff provided time and expertise to the program, educating and informing the participants of the various projects, programs and initiatives currently taking place at Metro. Participants took exciting tours of the Regional Connector Project, Willowbrook-Rosa Parks Station Improvements Project, Metro Heavy Rail Division 20, the Gateway helipad, Central Maintenance Facility, Bus Operations Control and other Metro facilities. The cohort also learned about Vision 2028, the Transportation School, WIN-LA, various Metro Departments and participated in leadership development sessions.

The group closed out their week in Los Angeles with the EnoMAX Gala Dinner in the Union Station Historic Ticketing Room, which provided a special opportunity to gather with colleagues, network with associates and celebrate innovation in transportation. Each table at the dinner was “sponsored” by a member of the Metro Senior Leadership Team who provided their personal leadership stories and advice, and I was honored to deliver a keynote message to the dinner attendees.

EnoMAX is a leadership development and best practice sharing program that brings together participants from LA Metro and three other transit agencies – RTD - Denver, Sound Transit - Seattle, and Valley Metro - Phoenix. Every year, each participating agency selects eight participants for the program – totaling 32 participants for the 2019 EnoMAX cohort. The program participants attend three, one-week, knowledge exchange sessions hosted at each participating agency. This successful week was possible through the hard work and efforts of Chief Human Capital and Development Officer Joanne Peterson and her team of Deputy Executive Officer Dan Dzyacky, Principal Talent Development Specialist Janet Yee, Sr. Talent Development Specialist Sam Harper, Human Resource Assistants Luis Zazueta and Jose Ramirez and the many others from this team who helped in one way or another. Lastly, thanks again to the Metro staff who provided their time and expertise for the greater good of transportation by sharing best practices with our transportation peers from out of state.

2019 Innovation Portfolio: Transforming Ideas into Improvements

Metro recently published its [2019 Innovation Portfolio](#) – Transforming Ideas into Improvements. The report highlights 17 innovative projects developed through the Unsolicited Proposal (UP) process and the people that made them possible over the last three years. In addition to explaining the projects, the portfolio explores best practices in project delivery and how the UP process can be used to collaborate across sectors to solve problems.

Projects in the report include:

- Aerial Rapid Transit - a privately funded aerial gondola from Union Station to Dodger Stadium
- Mobile Tolling - a test of technology that could be used to make ExpressLanes accessible using a smartphone application
- MicroTransit - a project seeking to apply the best aspects of Transportation Network Companies (on-demand, easy to use, reliable, and fast) and buses (affordable, accessible and shared)
- Vehicle to Infrastructure Optimization - an internally submitted proposal for a pilot application designed to help buses catch green lights on the Orange Line
- Proofs of Concept for lane enforcement, use of drones, and improving real time arrival information

In these projects we see a series of works in progress that demonstrate a willingness to test and implement new solutions and methods. I look forward to the continuous work and success through the UP process that gives Metro a tool to understand, look ahead and take steps towards creating a better future. The report can be viewed, [here](#).



June 2019 Operations Employees of the Month

Operations Department recognized employees from Transportation and Maintenance during Thursday's Operations, Safety, and Customer Experience Meeting as the department's June 2019 Employees of the Month.

The Transportation Employee of the Month award was presented to Mr. Hector Ortiz and Ms. Traci Smith, both Transit Operations Supervisors (TOS's), in Vehicle Operations. Mr. Ortiz has been with Metro for 28 years, beginning his career in 1991 as a bus operator and then promoted to TOS in 2002. Ms. Smith has been with Metro for 23 years, beginning her career in 1996 as a bus operator and then promoted to TOS in 2009. Both Supervisors are very dedicated to their jobs. They enjoy the fact that no day in the field is routine. Every day brings different challenges and provides them the opportunity to interact directly with our customers, striving to provide excellence in service and support in all they do.

The Maintenance Employee of the Month award was presented to Mr. Andy Prapha-Phatana, Facilities Systems Tech Leader at Central Maintenance Facility (CMF). Mr. Prapha-Phatana has been with Metro for 22 years, beginning in 1997 as an Electrician, promoting to Facilities System Tech, and eventually Facilities Systems Tech Leader. He is an outstanding employee and an excellent Compressed Natural Gas Facilities Systems Technician Leader. Andy makes himself available to all CNG personnel and management 24 hours

a day, seven days a week, whether he is on call or not. He has been instrumental in his contributions to the upgrades of the Gas Leak Detection Systems at Divisions 3, 10, and CMF. He enjoys being supportive of his crew and coaching new employees and his peers.



2019 Government Civil Engineer of the Year Award Goes to Metro Executive Officer

I want to congratulate Metro Executive Officer, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability, Dr. Cris Liban for being selected as the recipient of the 2019 Government Civil Engineer of the Year Award. Cris was selected for his leadership and engineering contributions in public service here at LA Metro and for his work incorporating sustainability in engineering. He was nominated and endorsed by engineer peers both here in Los Angeles as well as other parts of the United States and was selected from a global pool of nominees. ASCE is one of the largest and most recognized engineering associations in the world. Metro is very proud to have Cris on our team and we look forward to having him represent Los Angeles Metro as he accepts this award at ASCE's 2019 Convention in Miami, Florida in October.

On the Move Riders Program Participates in an Adventure into Wellness

Last Friday, Metro's On the Move Riders Program participated in the event, "An Adventure into Wellness," organized by Metro Board member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. The group comprised of 60 older adults who met at the Ward Villas Senior Housing and traveled to Downtown Santa Monica, using the Expo Line as their primary mode of transportation. Once in Santa Monica, the group mingled, enjoyed a fantastic lunch provided by their sponsors and received a presentation about the dangers of isolation and the resources that are available to them.

The group returned to Ward Villas utilizing the Expo Line. Through this experience, Metro's On the Move Riders Program has provided the participants in attendance the tools and confidence they need to explore the city using public transportation. Thank you to Director Dupont-Walker for partnering with On The Move Riders Program and providing this valuable experience for older adults in Los Angeles County. If you are interested in a similar tour contact Lilly Ortiz at (213) 922-2299.



Metro Speakers Bureau: Transit Security Community Liaison Speaks with Participants of CAESS Innovative Adult Day Program

Last Wednesday, Metro Transit Security Community Liaison Jon Gordon was invited by longtime Metro Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) member, Mark Panitz, to speak to participants of the California Employment Support Services (CAESS) Innovative Adult Day Program about Metro's System Security and Law Enforcement Programs. Gordon educated participants about the services and resources available through Metro's Transit Watch App and how individuals can protect themselves while riding Metro. CAESS Innovative Adult Day Program is designed to serve individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and provide meaningful work experiences to enhance self-esteem, self-determination, and earned respect from others.

Managed by Community Relations Special Projects unit, the Metro Speakers Bureau provides free 30 to 60-minute presentations to organizations, agencies, businesses, schools and nonprofits throughout Los Angeles County on the latest Metro projects, programs and initiatives ranging in topics from Metro System Security to Metro Career Pathways.

Within the past year, the agency has received 22 requests for speaking engagements from organizations and institutions including: USC METRANS Center, Women's League, Shriners International, Kiwanis International, Rotary International, LA Trade Tech and LAUSD.

To learn more about the Metro Speakers Bureau and how to request a presentation for your organization, visit metro.net/speakersbureau.



Bike Racks (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Bike Racks. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, June 21, 2019 through Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of Bike Racks in support of Metro's bus operations. 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 Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1018.

3 Axis Man Lifts (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure seven (7) 3-Axis Man Lifts. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, June 14, 2019 through Thursday, September 12, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of seven (7) 3-Axis Man Lifts and the installation to support Metro's Central Maintenance Facility Paint Shops.

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

Metro Risk Management Insurance Brokerage Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the services of a contractor to provide insurance brokerage services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, June 21, 2019 through Friday, November 15, 2019.

Metro is seeking the services of an experienced contractor to review contracts to determine appropriate insurance requirements, review insurance coverage placed by contractors to ensure compliance with contract terms, and to give Metro expert advice on insurance matters including construction insurance coverage.

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.

Interior Passenger Lighting Upgrade to Light-Emitting Diode (RFIQ)

Metro released a Request for Interest and Qualifications (RFIQ) for a prototype for Interior Passenger Lighting Upgrade to Light-Emitting Diode (LED). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, June 21, 2019, through Monday, December 23, 2019.

This procurement is for a prototype for Interior Passenger Lighting Upgrade to Light-Emitting Diode (LED).

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Lorretta Norris, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-2632.

P2550 & P3010 Tire Kits

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) SD63432 to procure Tire Kits for the P2550 & P3010 Rail Vehicles. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, June 27, 2019 through Monday, September 30, 2019.

The AnsaldoBreda P2550 and the Kinkisharyo P3010 Tire Kits are parts of the truck system of the Light Rail Vehicles and requires regular replacement due to continuous uses in revenue service.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Sr. Manager, Contract Administration, at (213) 922-1025.

Grant Assistance (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a consultant to provide grant writing for up to 124 applications for state and federal competitive transportation funding programs. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, June 26, 2019 through Friday, November 8, 2019.

It is anticipated that grant applications developed under this contract will likely include the Active Transportation Program, SB-1 Programs, the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, and others. On a per-application basis, Metro includes optional tasks for greenhouse gas emissions reduction analysis, drone or aerial photography, videography and/or simulation as well as collateral application support.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Gina Romo, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7558.

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

Regional Connector: Deck Panel Removal for Excavation on Flower St

Excavation of the tunnel box below Flower St continues in downtown Los Angeles as part of efforts to connect the Regional Connector Transit Project to the existing 7th St/Metro Center Station. In order to effectively build the tunnel box, crews will remove segments of the road deck panels on weekdays during daytime hours, between 5th and 6th St with minimal impacts to the traveling public. To learn more, click [here](#) for the full construction notice.

Regional Connector: Excavation on Flower St Continues Southward

Work continues steadily below Flower St, with rebar and concrete installation between 4th and 5th St. South of 5th St, excavation and utility hanging is moving steadily towards the future connection to 7th St/Metro Center Station. Ultimately, some 108,000 cubic yards of soil will be excavated from beneath Flower St. Work will continue from May 8, 2017 and continue through summer 2019. Beginning Monday, June 3rd, 2019, additional work hours will be added from 2 pm to 11 pm.

Purple Line Extension Project: Utility Potholing below Wilshire Blvd

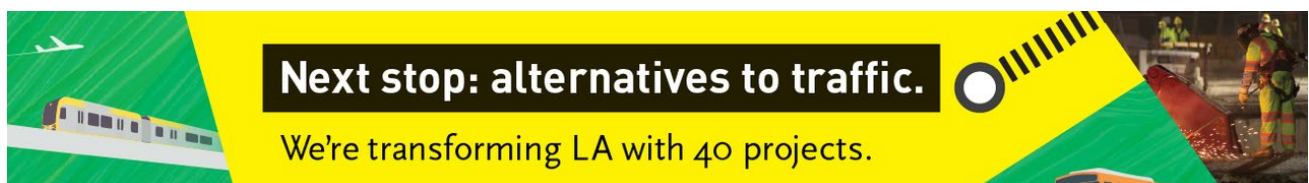
Utility potholing began to identify existing utilities below Wilshire Blvd. between Beverly Dr. and N. Crescent Dr. All work will be completed during non-peak hour traffic times. Lane closures and turn restrictions on Wilshire Blvd. will be required for this work. Two lanes will always be maintained on Wilshire Blvd. both eastbound and westbound. Communication efforts will be ongoing to provide stakeholders sufficient notice prior to work starting in specific areas.

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

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."

~ Leo Tolstoy

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