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Sepulveda Predevelopment Agreement Industry Forum

On Thursday, I joined Metro Chair and Inglewood Mayor James Butts at Union Station for opening remarks to welcome guests to the Predevelopment Agreement (PDA) Industry Forum for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project. Metro has further refined its feasibility study concepts for this project and has developed some initial cost projections. Project cost estimates have increased in our efforts to ensure this new transit line meets the greatest public good by directly connecting it with planned and existing light rail lines in both the San Fernando Valley and Westside.

Metro has a game plan to potentially deliver this project by teaming with private industry through an innovative Public Private Partnership. We have taken immediate steps to begin involving the private sector, which could help design, build, fund, and possibly operate the line on an accelerated delivery schedule. Simply put, the PDA is the design, and the P3 is the delivery. We remain committed to delivering this critically important transit project to taxpayers, who desperately need a fast, frequent and high-capacity alternative to the perpetually congested I-405 in this corridor.



Expo Line to Resume Complete Service into Downtown LA on Saturday

This morning, Metro announced that the two Expo Line stations which have been closed for construction in downtown Los Angeles as part of the northern segment of the New Blue Improvements Project, will reopen to the public on Saturday, August 24. The Pico Station and 7th St/Metro Center Station have been closed since late June. Trains will resume service at the beginning of regular service on Saturday, August 24. The 856-bus shuttle that has been servicing these stations will discontinue service. We appreciate our rider's patience as we completed this vital work. Metro's State of Good Repair program is important to keep our trains, buses, stations and facilities in top-notch condition, and the New Blue project – including this Expo and Blue Line junction work – is a perfect example of this endeavor.

A Transportation Discussion on AirTalk with Larry Mantle

Last Wednesday, I was in the 89.3 KPCC radio studio for an in-depth discussion on AirTalk with Larry Mantle. We kicked it off with an update on the timeline and progress of NextGen, we naturally rolled into the topic of congestion pricing, and then took a few questions from listeners online. Listeners asked about Metro's work with homeless outreach teams, what Metro is doing about first mile/ last mile challenges, and other excellent and insightful questions. Larry asked about the plans for the Bus Rapid Transit projects in the San Fernando Valley and how Metro is going about navigating these plans in collaboration with the impacted communities. The discussion continued on with many more important transportation topics and questions from listeners. To listen to the recorded discussion, visit the AirTalk page, [here](#).

North San Fernando Valley BRT Community Updates

Last Monday, we concluded the last of three community informational meetings for the [North San Fernando Valley BRT](#) project. Held in North Hollywood, Panorama City, and Northridge, all the meetings were conducted in an open house format where participants could engage in one-on-one dialogue with project experts at various information stations and were offered multiple ways to provide input. This format also supports our goal of providing a safe and equitable environment for all participants and all viewpoints at our meetings.

Nearly 400 people participated in these three meetings with the largest turnout of over 300 at the last meeting held at the Orange Grove Bistro on the CSUN campus. Due to the large crowd size, some attendees saw waits of up to one hour to enter the meeting and begin touring the informational boards, but we were able to accommodate all who attended. Our observation is that this format also allows for even greater public input as we received nearly 250 written comment forms at these three meetings and expect to receive more as community members send us their feedback through the project email or the project webpage comment form. The North San Fernando Valley BRT project is scheduled to go before the Metro Board in September to authorize the project team to begin the scoping period in the first step of the environmental review.



19th Annual Association of Travel Instruction Conference

Last week, staff members of Metro's Communication Education On the Move Rider's Program (OTMRP) attended the 19th annual Association of Travel Instruction Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The three-day conference allowed transportation professionals to learn about best practices, new technology and innovative techniques currently used across the country to promote quality transportation for older adults and persons with disabilities. Topics included accessibility, counseling strategies to encourage older adults to use transit, travel training, and effective ways to identify organizational and community partnerships. Metro staff had the opportunity to share Metro's best practices and success in working with older adults through OTMRP. OTMRP will be incorporating new ideas and lessons learned into their existing programming.



Metro Hosts Consolidated Audit Workshops

In July, Management Audit Services hosted three Consolidated Audit Kickoff Workshops at Metro Gateway headquarters building. The workshops were held in preparation for the FY19 audits of Prop A and C, Measures R and M Local Return, and various Metro funded programs. Approximately 120 representatives from the 88 cities of LA County, the County of Los Angeles, Transit Operators and Low Income Fare is Easy (LIFE) program administrators attended. Metro's Chief Auditor, Diana Estrada, facilitated the workshops and Metro Programming Managers, Susan Richan, Rufus Cayetano and Armineh Saint provided background information on the various funding programs and respective guidelines.

In addition, the workshops gave attendees a chance to meet Prop A and C Independent Citizen's Advisory and Oversight Committee member, Emina Darakjy and representatives from the two CPA firms, Vasquez & Co. and Simpson & Simpson, conducting the audits. The auditors provided attendees with insight into the

audit process, documentation requirements, important audit due dates and lessons learned from the prior year's audits.



Metro All-Star Session Hosted by Talent Development

We recently hosted the third annual Metro All-Star Session in conjunction with Metro's Quarterly Leadership Forum. The session was aimed at providing invitees an opportunity to hear from leaders in the industry on leadership challenges throughout their personal career pathways, how they strategically built relationships and how they used their influence to successfully navigate to the top of their field. Panelists included: Nuria Fernandez, General Manager/CEO of Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority; Deborah Flint, CEO of Los Angeles World Airports; Stephanie Wiggins, CEO of Metrolink; and Darrell Johnson, CEO of Orange County Transportation Authority. The panel was moderated by Jerry Premo of Premo Partnerships and is available for viewing here: [2019 Metro All-Star Session](#).

This annual session is an excellent addition to our ongoing efforts of creating and building leaders at Metro. Thank you to Chief Human Capital and Development Officer Joanne Peterson and the following Talent Development Team members for producing the event: Dan Dzyacky, Stephanie Burke, Samuel Harper, Luis Zazueta, Cathy Zhu, Erin Moore, and Deborah Bishop.

Next Stop: Retirement

Serving the public many years through Metro and our predecessor agencies is truly a special commitment. I want to recognize and say thank you to those who have retired through the months of June and July after serving at Metro for more than 15 years. We sincerely appreciate all the hard work, dedication, and time that went into improving the mobility of Los Angeles County. I am sure you have inspired others through your accomplishments and have served as a role model to those that are beginning their careers at Metro. We wish you all a wonderful retirement full of happiness, success and good health.

Name	Title/Division	Years of Service
Pauline Lee	Executive Officer, Program Management	44.5
Patrick Byrne	Bus Operator, Division 15	43
Duane Bonner	Bus Operator, Division 5	40
Peter Yanez	Mechanic A Leader, Division 15	39.5
Thomas Holland	Mechanic A, Division 1	38.25
Leonard Skinner	Mechanic C, Division 9	36.75

Gavin Curry	Bus Operator, Division 5	36.5
William T. Heiller	Master Mechanic Leader, Division 8	35.5
Steven Brye	Sr. Mgr, Transportation Planning	35.25
Eliud Castellanos	Printer II, Marketing	35.25
Dyana Elorriaga	Maintenance Spec. Leader, Red Line Fleet	33.75
Rosendo Reyes	Train Operator, Gold Line Division 24	33
Saeed Bahmanshir	Maintenance Specialist, Blue Line Fleet	32.5
Daniel E. King	Mechanic A, Division 1	32.5
Arlene Alvidrez	Bus Operator, Division 8	32.25
Hector Valdez	Bus Operator, Division 9	31
Angela D. Jones	Bus Operator, Division 9	30
Anthony Aburto	Bus Operator, Division 7	29.5
Oscar Ancheta	Traction Power Inspector, Rail MOW	29
Santos Rivera	Bus Operator, Division 9	29
Agustin Confesor	Bus Operator, Division 8	28.75
Alan Addie	Maintenance Specialist, Rail Fleet Svcs.	28.25
Mark Calinog	Mechanic A Leader, Division 15	28
Manuel Cendejas	Mechanic A, Division 3	27.75
Reynaldo De Jesus	Sys Communication Tech Leader, ITS	27.75
Glen Abraham	Maintenance Specialist, Red Line Fleet	27
Forrest Belmont	Signal Inspector, Wayside Sys Maintenance	27
Leo A. Noya	Bus Operator, Division 8	26.25
Rogelio Benzor	Custodian, Facilities Maintenance	23
Wilbert A. Rejon	Bus Operator, Division 2	21.75
Nancy O. Johnson	Sr Service Attendant, Division 8	20.25
Asoka Paranaheewa	Sr Service Attendant, Division 15	20.25
Fred R. Vincelet	Equipment Maintenance Sup, Maintenance	20.25
Alber Gonzalez	Bus Operator, Division 3	20
Dan W. Moye	Bus Operator, Division 15	19.75
Alfred C. Ong	Director of Engineering, Systems Engineering	19.75
Don E. Smith	Bus Operator, Division 13	19.25
Rosario Lopez	Train Operator, Blue Line	19
Richard S. Page	Sr Director, Service Planning & Scheduling	19
Jeffrey V. Lynch	Rail Equip. Maintenance Sup, Gold Line	16.25
Patricia A. Ingham	Senior Buyer, Purchasing	15.25
Jesus Solis	Bus Operator, Division 2	15

Procurement Postings

Risk Management Insurance Brokerage and Actuarial Analysis/Valuation Services (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking the services of qualified contractor/s to provide Insurance Brokerage and Actuarial Analysis/Valuation Services. Metro may award the entire contract to a single contractor or split the award into two contracts: Insurance Brokerage Services and Actuarial Analysis/Valuation Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, August 12, 2019 through Tuesday, December 31, 2019.

Metro currently purchases excess liability insurance, all risk property and flood coverage, drone insurance, railroad liability insurance and major construction project specific umbrella insurance. Other insurance coverages considered and marketed by Metro in the past include pollution legal liability, owner's protective coverage, fraud and fidelity coverage, public officials, directors, and officer's coverage and cyber security. Further, actuarial analysis and valuation of the liabilities associated with Metro's Workers' Compensation and General Liability programs are periodically conducted to determine adequate funding levels for these self-insured programs.

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.

LA SAFE Strategic Review, Roadmap, and Services (RFP)

LA SAFE released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit the preparation of a strategic plan roadmap and other services for the LA SAFE Program. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from August 19, 2019 through November 26, 2019.

Metro will seek proposals from well-qualified professional and technical firms for development of a strategic plan, including strategic review and other services for the LA SAFE program. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Mark Marukian, Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3313.

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

Purple Line Extension Project: Weekend Utility Work on Wilshire Blvd.

The design-build contractor for the Purple Line Extension Project Section 2 continues utility work on Wilshire Blvd. between El Camino Dr. and Crescent Dr. Work includes potholing, sewer line relocation, water line relocation, and storm drain replacement. To expedite work, these activities will continue weekends beginning July 20, 2019 through September 29, 2019 from 8am to 8pm. Lane closures, crosswalk closures, and sidewalk closures will be required for this work. One lane will remain open in each direction on Wilshire Blvd.

Regional Connector: Pile Installation on Alameda St and Temple St

RCC will continue utility investigation in preparation for pile installation along northbound Alameda St, within the Mangrove yard and at Temple St. Anticipate lane reductions on Alameda St and Temple St. Pile installation is anticipated to begin within the Mangrove yard on Monday, July 29, 2019, and continue for approximately four months.

Anticipated work hours are:

- Monday through Friday, from 7 am to 9 pm
- Saturday, from 8 am to 6 pm

Temporary closure of Orange Line North Hollywood Station Bus Terminal to start July 28

Metro plans to convert its entire fleet of buses to zero emission buses by 2030. The first phase of the

transition will launch on the Orange Line with the deployment of battery electric buses. To accommodate the new buses, Metro will be installing bus charging stations at the Orange Line North Hollywood Station. Due to this construction activity, the Orange Line North Hollywood bus terminal will be closed beginning Sunday, July 28, through Oct. 31.

The temporary pick up/drop off locations will be relocated to the following:

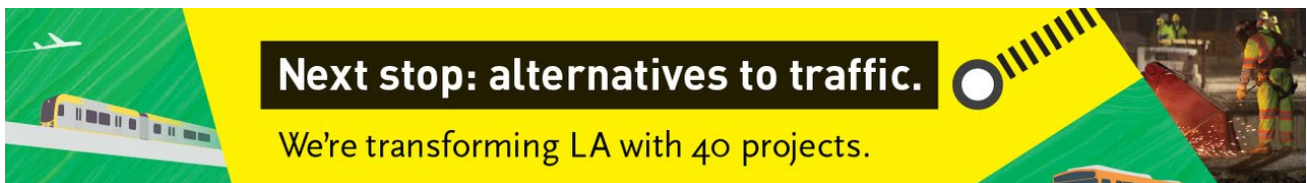
- Board buses at northwest corner of Lankershim and Chandler.
- Exit buses at southeast corner of Lankershim and Cumpston.

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

"Someday is not a day of the week."

~ Denise Brennan-Nelson

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