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National Advanced Technology Transit Vehicle Advisory Panel

On Tuesday, August 20, I participated in the National Advanced Technology Transit Vehicle Advisory Panel's meeting here at Metro headquarters, organized by Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) on behalf of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). This industry panel is assembled to include a diverse group of transit agencies, zero emission bus (ZEB) manufacturers, FTA, APTA, Altoona, the Ohio State and Auburn component testing centers, and both FTA-funded ZEB Centers of Excellence (Sunline and SARTA). This panel aims to shape future FTA policy and funding priorities regarding zero emission buses. We discussed various topics including Low-No Component Testing Program, Driver Assistance and Automation Solutions in pilot programs and other industry technology development, training and workforce development to support ZEBs, Metro's vision to create a rail and bus facility manufacturing campus in LA County and many other salient topics.

Metro hosted this initial meeting at our Gateway building headquarters, with subsequent meetings to follow in Chicago and Atlanta over the next six to nine months. I want to thank CTE for organizing this discussion and a special thanks to our CEO's and GM's for joining us:

Dorval Carter – President, Chicago Transit Authority
Doran Barnes – Executive Director, Foothill Transit
Lauren Skiver – GM/CEO, Sunline Transit
Kirt Conrad – Executive Director/CEO, SARTA
Paul Jablonski – CEO, San Diego MTS
Chris Walton – Director of Transportation, Broward County
Randy Clark – President/CEO, Capital Metro

Metro Launches 2nd Annual Partnership with Los Angeles Football Club

Metro and Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC) launched a partnership this past weekend to promote ridership to LAFC games at Banc of California Stadium. The Major League Soccer team was instrumental in promoting Expo Line and additional bus service to customers headed to the stadium and championed the return of Expo Line service following New Blue construction work at Downtown LA stations. LAFC currently holds the best record in the league and Metro's strategic partnership with LAFC continues to create and uphold the tradition of taking transit to games -- a tradition we want to last for many seasons to come.

I would like to commend the collaboration, leadership and teamwork of the Communications, Operations and TAP teams who have put together a tremendous effort throughout the 2019 soccer season to ensure that the Metro customer experience to the games is as memorable as the games themselves. See more about the partnership on [The Source](#) or check out your Metro discount at metro.net/lafc.

Metro Supports Students and Parents Going Back to School

It is back to school time and to help students get ready for the new school year, Metro's Community Education (MCE) team will have participated in a total of 20 Back to School events for students who are just starting Kindergarten to those entering college. Many of the organizations MCE partnered with throughout the county provide students with brand new backpacks filled with school supplies as well as community resources. MCE's outreach to over 8,000 students and parents includes providing information on how to save money with reduced fare TAP cards, education on important safety tips when riding Metro, and offering additional Metro resources. To learn how to connect with Metro Community Education, contact Jaime Arroyo at (213) 922-7012.





Meeting with California Secretary of Transportation David Kim

Last Friday, I was pleased to have a shared dialogue with the State of California's new Secretary of Transportation David Kim. We discussed the broad array of transportation issues in our region and outlined various ways we can work together to improve mobility in Los Angeles County. The Secretary is very interested in working with Metro. During our meeting, we briefed the Secretary on the status of our capital program as well as the status of projects we currently have in various phases of development. We also discussed the long term capital needs of those projects as well as the long term capital needs of our zero emission bus conversion program.

In addition to the aforementioned items, we also briefed the Secretary on our effort to establish a rail and bus rolling stock manufacturing facility in Los Angeles County and our long term workforce needs. Secretary Kim expressed an interest in working with Metro to advance the concept of congestion pricing as a mobility solution in Los Angeles County. Our discussion was both broad and constructive and I believe we have established a strong working partnership with the Secretary.

Procurement Postings

Illustrator Services (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Illustrator Services with GIF animation support. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, August 28, 2019 through Wednesday, December 4, 2019.

Metro is seeking the services of commercial illustrators to provide creative illustrations for use in the Agency's communications as defined in the statement of work.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ernesto N. De Guzman, Director, Contract Administration at (213)-922-7267.

Customer Relationship Management System (RFP) – Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to obtain professional services for an experienced and qualified Contractor with notable expertise and Salesforce Certification in the support and enhancement of the Salesforce Enterprise Customer Relationship Management Solution. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, August 28, 2019 through Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

Metro is seeking professional services to identify a well-qualified, experienced Contractor which specializes in various levels of Salesforce CRM implementation activities.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Annie Duong, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 418-3048.

Construction Notices: Purple Line, Regional Connector, Purple Line Extension, 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](#).

"What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?"

~ Henry David Thoreau

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6:30am - 7pm (Monday - Friday)

8:00am - 4:30pm (Saturday/Sunday)

