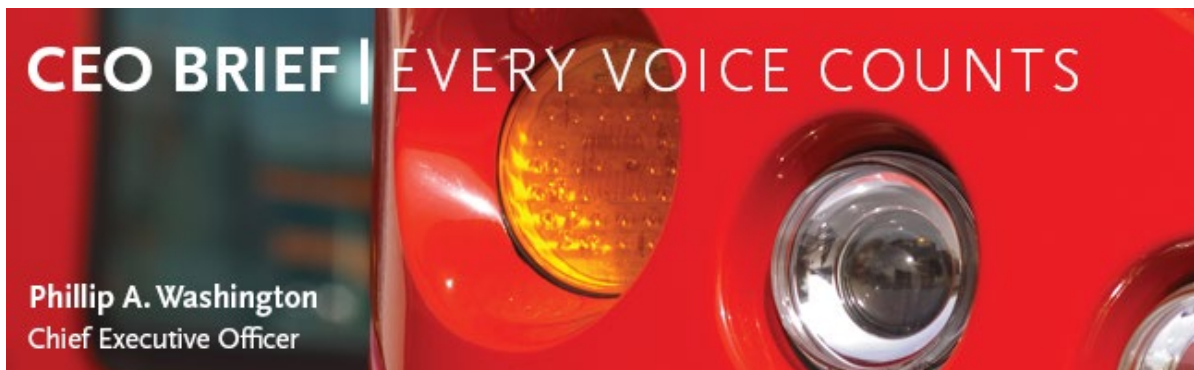




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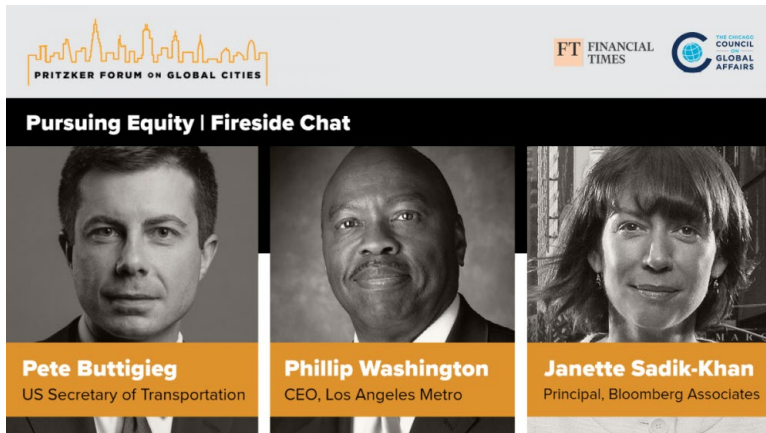
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Pritzker Forum on Global Cities with Secretary Buttigieg

Last week, I joined US Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg in a one-on-one fireside chat about the role of urban transportation for an equitable recovery from the pandemic. The Secretary spoke about his national transportation priorities while I highlighted what LA Metro is doing to make public transportation equitable and accessible to our riders. The conversation was moderated by Janette Sadik-Khan, former DOT Commissioner of New York City.

This fireside chat will air on **March 18 from 2 to 2:35p.m.** during [Pursuing Equity](#), a virtual event organized by the [Pritzker Forum on Global Cities](#). The Forum is cohosted by the [Chicago Council on Global Affairs](#) and the Financial Times.

Register to watch the broadcast at <https://www.globalcitiesforum.org/equity> and feel free to continue the conversation on [@_GlobalCities](#). While registration is encouraged, you may still visit the [event page](#) on March 18 *and* after to watch the program.



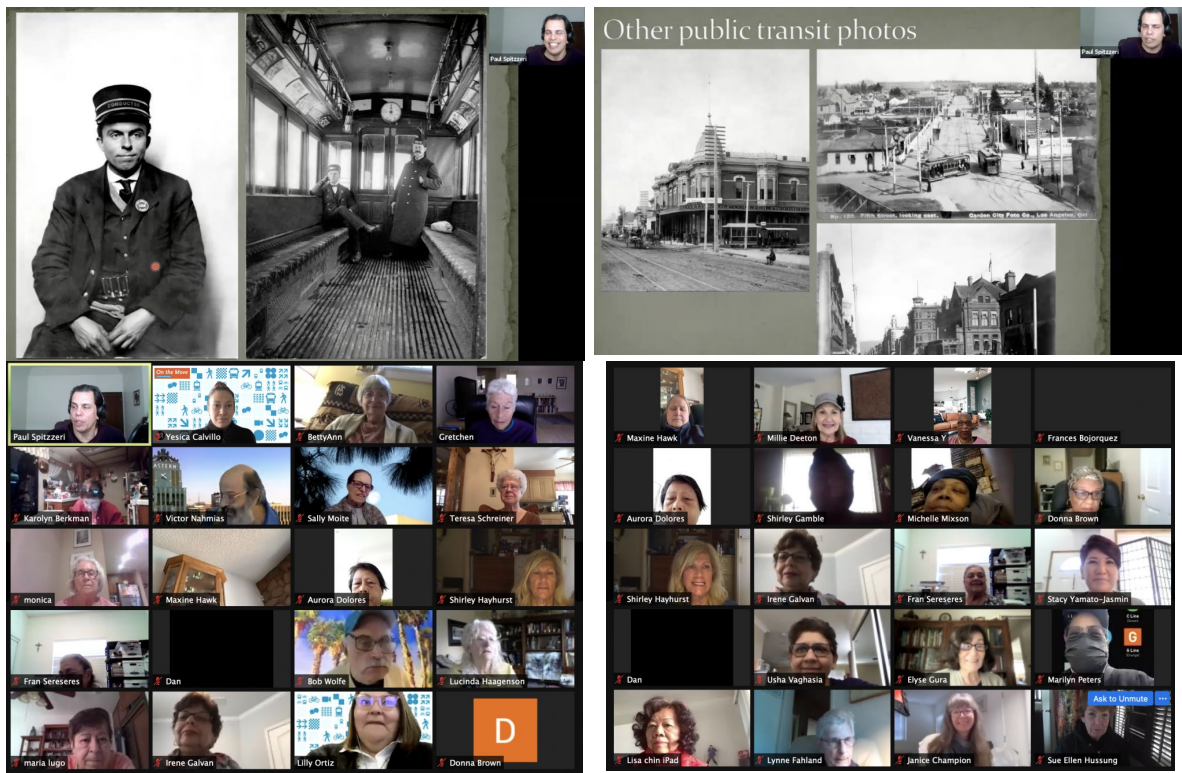
President Biden Signs Legislation to Provide \$30 Billion for Nation's Transit Agencies

On Wednesday, March 10, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill that the Senate adopted the previous week. The transportation section of the measure adopted last week will provide \$30 billion for transit agencies nationwide. Included in the measure is a provision that will provide an additional \$1.4 billion for existing New Starts projects - including Metro's Regional Connector and Westside Purple Line Extension transit projects. The New Starts program is the primary means by which the U.S. Department of Transportation supports the construction of new transit lines.

I was pleased to help lead a national effort with other transit agencies across the United States – including SoundTransit – to ensure that our New Starts projects would be included in the federal COVID relief bill in order that they continue to be built without any delays. The benefit of these projects during construction is that they offer good paying jobs to hundreds of hard working residents and upon completion will provide additional freedom to move for our transit riders. President Biden signed this measure into law on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

On the Move Riders Program Presents The Homestead Museum

On the Move Riders Program (OTMRP) continues its virtual programing for older adults to educate and empower them to use transit once it is safe to do so. Last week, OTMRP partnered with the Homestead Museum to take older adults from around LA County on a virtual tour showcasing the astounding growth of Los Angeles between the years of 1830 and 1930. Over 130 older adults attended the event and traced the footsteps of the Workman and Temple families as they settled the land from the San Gabriel Valley to the Gateway Cities. Museum Director, Paul Spitzzeri guided the group through photos and maps from the museum's collection on how transportation has changed throughout the years. The Homestead Museum is located in the City of Industry and accessible via public transportation.



Procurement Postings

LA SAFE Technical Consultant Support (RFP) - Small Business Prime

LA SAFE released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services for personnel to provide technical support and project management services to the Southern California 511 Traveler Information Center (TIC). **This project is a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Set-Aside open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 12, 2021 through Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

LA SAFE will seek proposals from qualified firms to provide support for a range of technical services. LA SAFE requires one (1) full time on/call or as directed consultant for this project.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by DeValory Donahue, Principal Contract Administrator at donahued@metro.net.

Conduit Infrastructure for Wi-Fi Expansion - Divisions 11, 21, and 22 (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Conduit Infrastructure for Wi-Fi Expansion - Divisions 11, 21, and 22. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, March 16, 2021 through Sunday, May 16, 2021.

Contracted Services to install new conduit from existing building communication rooms to existing light poles and to add new poles at Rail Divisions 11, 21 and 22 to support the

Connected Facilities Capital Projects (improve / expand Wi-Fi in yards & indoor).

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Josie Mellen, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1105.

Enterprise Asset Management System Implementation Services (RFP)

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the system implementation services for the new Enterprise Asset Management System (EAMS) that shall replace Metro's existing legacy system, the Maintenance and Material Management System (M3). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 19, 2021 through Friday, August 6, 2021.

Metro is seeking the services of an experienced and qualified Contractor team to re-engineer business processes, implement the system, and assist in the transition from M3 to the new EAMS.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ana Rodriguez, Contract Administration Manager, at (213) 922-1076.

Metro Employee Assistance Program (EAP) (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the services of a contractor that will be able to provide as needed personal counseling to Metro's employees in the areas of substance abuse; family and marital conflicts; work related stress; emotional and behavioral problems; financial and legal difficulties; eating disorders and child/elder care needs. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, March 1, 2021 through Monday, May 24, 2021.

The Contractor shall provide a broadly based, comprehensive Employee Assistance Program, including the following services: intake (administrative processing), assessment, problem identification, brief solution-focused treatment and/or referral services, and follow-up activities for a broad range of personal issues.

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.

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

Regional Connector Transit Project - Closure of Temple St. for Alameda Tunnel Box

Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) implemented an extended closure of Temple St between Alameda St and Garey St for the construction of the Alameda Tunnel Box. The 24/7 closure began on Friday, January 29, 2021 and will continue for approximately six

months. To view the notice of work click, [here](#).

Purple Line Extension Project: Utility Relocation on Ashton Ave and Midvale Ave

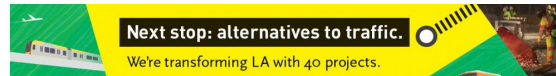
Metro contractors will conduct utility relocation for the sanitary sewer lines on Wilshire Blvd., Westwood Blvd., Ashton Ave., and Midvale Ave. in preparation for the Purple (D Line) Extension Section 3 project. Work is scheduled to begin on February 10, 2021, and will take approximately 2 months to complete. To view the notice of work click [here](#).

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

"We know the future will outlast all of us, but I believe that all of us will live on in the future we made."

~ Edward Kennedy

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