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**Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Bob Hope Airport-Hollywood Way Metrolink Station**

Today, I joined Metro Board Chair Michael D. Antonovich, Metrolink Chairman Patrick Morris, Metro Board Director Ara Najarian, Metro Board Director Richard Katz, Metrolink CEO Michael DePallo, Bob Hope Airport officials and other elected officials at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Bob Hope Airport-Hollywood Way Metrolink Station. Metro has allocated \$3.7 million of Measure R funds towards development of this station. Once this station is operational, in early 2015, it will be served by the Metrolink Antelope Valley Line. The station will supplement and expand “plane-to-train” connectivity for both Antelope Valley and downtown Los Angeles. Media covering the event included channels 4 and 7, Burbank Leader, Downtown News, Univision, La Opinion, LA Observed and Phoenix TV. Phoenix TV also interviewed Metro Deputy CEO Paul Taylor at the event. Stories are expected to run today and through the weekend. Please see the full story as posted on the Source by clicking [here](#).

**Metro Hosts its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual “Meet The Buyers” Event**

On Friday, June 21, 2013, Metro’s department heads, project managers, contract administrators, and staff from various departments welcomed approximately 500 participants to the 5th Annual “Meet the Buyers” event sponsored by the Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department and the Transportation Business Advisory Council (TBAC). The goal of this event is to provide opportunities for businesses to build relationships with key Metro personnel, get questions answered concerning the requirements to do business with Metro and to boost participation from all businesses, including small and disadvantaged firms.

**Measure R Independent Taxpayers Oversight Committee Makes a Finding on the Proposed Measure R Amendment**

Staff provided an updated presentation on the proposed Measure R Project Finance Acceleration Plan which included the strategy to ensure that project sequences are not changed from the adopted Long Range Transportation Plan. The Acceleration Plan is contingent upon two amendments to the Measure R Ordinance that would (1) add a new Section 18, describing the financial conditions under which acceleration can occur (TIFIA

loans, America Fast Forward Tax Credit Bonds, and Full Funding Grant Agreements), and (2) amend the Measure R Expenditure Plan to change the “Funds Available Beginning” dates. The Oversight Committee made a finding that the proposed amendment furthers the purpose of the Measure R Ordinance (Attachment A). The finding was approved by the Committee with a unanimous vote.

### **Go Metro to Ciclavia this Sunday**

This Sunday, June 23, 2013, Ciclavia will take place along the Iconic Wilshire Boulevard Corridor, with a route from Downtown to the Miracle Mile area. Accessing the route is easy- there are four Red or Purple Line subway stations along or very close to Wilshire (7th/Metro Center, Westlake/MacArthur Park, Wilshire/Normandie, Wilshire Western) and both the Blue Line and Expo Line also serve 7th/Metro Center. For more information about getting to the route and detours on the day of the event, see the full story as posted on the Source by clicking [here](#).

### **Procurement Postings for Next Week**

#### Bike Path and Parking Lot Improvements at Division 9 (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure a qualified and responsible contractor to perform work consisting of bike access, parking lot reconfiguration, ADA ramp and associated curb and sidewalk removal at El Monte Transit Center, 3449 Santa Anita Ave., El Monte, CA 91731. The Procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 22, 2013 through September 16, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Brian P. Mahaffey, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7327.

#### Division 8 Pavement Replacement (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for a contractor to perform construction work for the removal of asphalt pavement and sub-base, install new compacted sub-base with reinforced concrete pavement, and testing services on the sub-base and concrete. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from June 20, 2013 through September 12, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Deneise Glover, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7302.

### **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**

Next week, I will meet with Metro Board Directors Zev Yaroslavsky, Mark Ridley-Thomas, and Don Knabe. I will also join Metro Board Chair Michael Antonovich for an event to mark the development of a new Metro Security cell phone App. I will also meet with Mayor James T. Butts from the City of Inglewood and have a separate meeting with City Council President Herb Wesson. In addition, I will attend our monthly Ad-Hoc Sustainability committee meeting and our monthly board meeting. Lastly, I will meet with Caltrans District 7 Director Michael Miles.

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