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Next Phase of Metrolink TAP Ticket a Success!

On Wednesday, March 6, 2013, Metro and Metrolink collaborated on a successful test-latching of Metro's fare gates in Union Station. At approximately 9:00 a.m., two of the largest groups of Metrolink riders successfully transferred to Metro through latched gate arrays at the Alameda entrance to the station. For the first time ever, Metrolink customers were tapped through the gates by Metrolink staff using Metrolink TAP tickets. The successful testing continued through 5:30 p.m. In addition, the new gate help phone installed near the gate array was tested. The gate help phones are designed to be accessible to those who may have trouble with their TAP cards, including customers with physical disabilities. Customers do not have to dial a number or push a button for assistance. An operator automatically responds when the customer comes into close proximity to the phone and can assist him or her by remotely opening the ADA accessible gate. Standard operating procedures went smoothly and testing is expected to continue in future weeks. Metro and Metrolink are pleased that our collaboration has been successful so far and expect gate latching of Red and Purple Line stations to begin in June.

Procurement Postings for Next Week

Metro Federal Legislative Advocacy Services (RFP)

Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP), next week to procure Federal Legislative Advocacy Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 5, 2013 to June 1, 2013. Metro is seeking Federal Legislative Advocates that have extensive demonstrated experience in federal transportation advocacy that will promote and champion Metro and its CEO in pushing forward and acquiring funds, legislative actions, regulations, and initiatives that meet and complements the goals and objectives of Metro. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Nathan Jones, Contract Manager, at (213) 922-6101.

Bus Stop Usability Study (RFP)

Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP), this week to procure the Bus Stop Usability Study. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 5, 2013 to April 4, 2013. Metro is seeking proposals for services to complete a comprehensive and detailed study assessment of Los Angeles County's bus stops. This effort will inventory conditions at bus stops throughout the county in order to document the physical characteristics of each bus stop and evaluate its usability. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tamara Reid, at (213) 922-7215.

400 Emergency Lamps (IFB)

Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week for the solicitation of 400 Emergency Lamp Packs. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run

from March 5, 2013 through March 28, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Jean Davis, Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1041.

LACMTA Financial Advisory Services (RFP)

Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) this week to procure Financial Advisory Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 11, 2013 through July 1, 2013. The LACMTA currently expects to select a pool of financial advisors (FA) in two categories, Lead FA and Special Projects/Tasks FA to provide services throughout the term of the Contract. The Contractors shall provide financial advisory/consultant services for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority in support of debt financings, commercial paper programs, lease transactions, and other general financial matters described is the RFP. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Linda Rickert, Sr. Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-4186.

Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events

Next week, I will be in Washington D.C. for Mobility 21 and upon my return, I will speak at the Entry Level Training Program (ELTP) "Meet and Greet" event. I will also attend the Union Station Master Plan Advisory Committee Meeting, California High Speed Rail Meeting, Regionwide CEO Meeting, Metrolink CEO's Meeting and participate in a LOSSAN CEO Conference Call.

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