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Last week a feature article appeared in the Travel section of the Washington Post celebrating "L.A.'s underground art scene." The article, written by a local freelance journalist who is also a frequent Metro Rail rider, discusses several station artworks in detail, and includes an extensive photo gallery. Exuberant in her praise, the author states "It's beautiful and breathtaking in its ambition and execution." To read the full article, please click [here](#).

Metro Hosts FTA Procurement System Review (PSR) Team

Every three years, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) reviews Metro's procurement system to ensure it complies with the rules attached to our receipt of FTA funds. The review covers all aspects of our acquisition processes from the description of our requirements through solicitation, receipt and evaluation of offers to contract award and post award administration. Its success is critical to our ability to continue to deliver Measure R projects and provide transit service to the County. I attended the exit conference on May 9, 2013 with members of my staff along with Ray Tellis and Charlene Lee Lorenzo from the FTA regional office. The PSR team was favorably impressed with our systems and controls and made special note of four items; the Contract Information Management System (CIMS) currently in development, our recent reorganization of the Procurement and Supply Chain Management Department, our Ethics review process and our procurement file organization. As we would expect, they also pointed out areas for potential improvement and we will be working closely with FTA and its consultant to make those improvements over the next few months.

Bike Ride from Union Station to Dodger Stadium

On Saturday, May 11, 2013 a bike ride took place from Union Station to Dodger Stadium. The Dodgers rolled out the red carpet to welcome the 80 bike participants in this event. The Dodgers had nice welcome for the cyclists, including providing bike corral and security for bikes. Dodgers' manager Hall of Famer, Tommy Lasorda, met cyclists, posed for photos and signed baseballs. Dodgers also provided a stadium tour prior to the game. Our bike riders has their own seating section at Dodger Stadium and our bike leader Dan Dabek (C.I.C.L.E.) and Carlos Morales (East Side Bike Club) got to participate in an on-the-field interview to promote Bike Week L.A. In addition, the Dodgers noted that these were Metro-sponsored C.I.C.L.E rides, including this very first Dodger Ride. I would personally like to thank all of those who helped at Union Station this past weekend and those who played an instrumental role in finding and making Union Station the meeting location for our bike riders.

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