



If you're like us, you get to work each day excited and inspired by the world of extraordinary transportation innovations happening all around us. Technologies emerge and evolve. Mobility platforms grow and connect us in new ways. Groundbreaking partnership models are developed to address some of the most challenging mobility problems in America.

This is a space to focus on these innovations, the impact they could have, and how they might be used here in Los Angeles County. We want to move the conversation forward, amplify the ideas that excite us the most, and highlight what our Office is doing to take advantage of what the world has to offer.

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RE-THINKING THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION

In Leading LA County’s Transformation, Metro is undergoing a transformation of its own. And it begins with a reminder of what the ‘T’ in MTA stands for.

Transit is a critical piece of overall mobility in any urban environment. But, it is still just that – a piece of a much larger transportation picture. Within L.A. County, about seven percent of commuters use transit to reach work. This means there are a lot of opportunities to capture new transit trips, as well as a lot of reasons to expand the options we provide in order to have a more meaningful impact on the region and its people. [Read more...](#)

THOUGHTS ON HYPERLOOP AND AVs

Metro’s Chief Innovation Officer offers his thoughts on two of transportation’s hottest topics

When you have a title like “Chief Innovation Officer in the Office of Extraordinary Innovation at LA Metro” people tend to ask you about the most cutting edge transportation technology they can conjure. At the moment, the most common questions I get are about the Hyperloop and Autonomous Vehicles. These are exciting and new technologies, but alone they do not overcome long-standing policy and safety challenges. [Read more...](#)



SPOTLIGHT ON INNOVATION – UNMANNED VEHICLES AND THE FUTURE OF TRACK & FACILITY INSPECTION

Denver’s unmanned vehicle program has launched. What does this mean for the industry?

In July 2016, Metro received an Unsolicited Proposal to use unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) for a variety of tasks. While this proposal may hold exciting prospects for LA Metro as our vast rail network grows and ages, we would not be the first American transit agency to implement such an idea. [Read more...](#)

AN OPERATOR’S OEI EXPERIENCE

A Bus Operator reflects on his time working for OEI

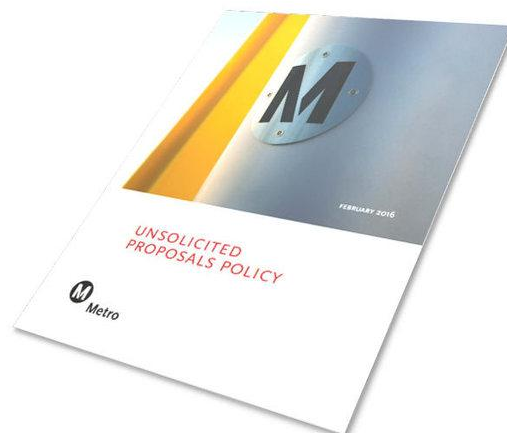
I believe that innovation is the new frontier in the transportation industry. As a current Bus Operator with more than 30 years of experience, several months ago I contacted the Deputy Chief Innovation Officer of the Office of Extraordinary Innovation to see if I could come in to lend my support and provide a Bus Operator’s perspective to OEI. [Read more...](#)



GO AVENUE 26 – A LITTLE PAINT AND A LOT OF LISTENING

How a small project by a local non-profit stands for so much more

A little over a year ago, Metro's First and Last Mile Planning team sat with LA-Más to talk about a TransitCenter grant application to improve access to the Gold Line's Lincoln Heights/Cypress Park Station. But the hyper-local project was about more than maximizing the station... [Read more...](#)



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With our rookie season in the books, here's a look at what we've seen and done with Unsolicited Proposals

In February of 2016, Metro established the Unsolicited Proposal Policy, opening its doors to the private sector. The policy allows any company to submit a proposal on any idea and encourages the private sector to tell us what we could do differently. The policy signals Metro's willingness to implement ideas with financial and/or technical merit. [Read more...](#)

INDUSTRY RIDE WITH OEI

Join OEI for our next Ride Along!

Register Today!

OEI began leading system rides to encourage Metro employees stationed at Metro Headquarters to get out from behind the desk and walk in the customer's shoes. On October 13, 2017, we're creating a similar opportunity for the industry and we'd be delighted if you would join us.

Why? Riding the system is key to understanding it. Understanding the system is key to improving it.

We will be riding the Silver, Green, Blue and Red Lines. [Sign up now](#) as space is limited!

PEOPLE WHO'VE CONTRIBUTED

As always, special thanks to Vendor/Contract Management for their ongoing support, innovation and diligence. They are working with us tirelessly and constantly to improve processes and outcomes for Metro, from unsolicited innovation pilots to P3s; from strategic planning to project management. We are both extremely grateful for and inspired by their service and support.

The list of individuals below who have contributed to reviewing Unsolicited Proposals has gotten so expansive that it is inevitably incomplete. The growing number of people who have lent their talents to reviewing and implementing ideas, and to other OEI initiatives, is a testament to the presence of innovation

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all over Metro. OEI appreciates the work of every employee and person on this list and beyond who is helping Metro transform Los Angeles County to improve lives.

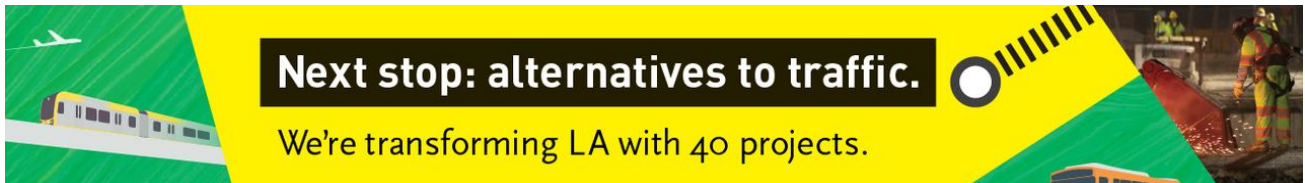
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