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## LA METRO CEO NAMES NEW ANNOUNCES FIRST CHIEF INNOVATION CHIEF OFFICER

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*ENO Center CEO tapped Metro CEO Phillip Washington Taps Nationally Recognized Transportation Expert Dr. Joshua L. Schank to lead Head Newly-Created Office of Extraordinary Innovation*

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LOS ANGELES – The As a first step in laying the foundation for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s innovation in transportation, Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington has Authority announced the selection of today the selection of Dr. Joshua Levi L. Schank as President and CEO of the Eno Center for Transportat will become as the Chief first-ever head of the Metro’s newly created Office of Extraordinary Innovation. Dr. Schank’s hire Dr. Schank’s hire advances reflects LA Metro’s commitment to innovation in accessibility and accountability in transportation for all Los Angelenos.

Dr. Schank currently serves is relocating to Los Angeles from Washington, DC where he served as President and CEO of the Eno Center for Transportation in Washington, DC. He directs, an influential, highly regarded neutral, nonpartisan transportation policy think tank. At Eno, Dr. Schank successfully sought innovative solutions to pressing national transportation concerns through consensus and coalition -building among industry leaders, elected officials, and academics. For more than four years at the helm, Dr. Schank directed the 943-year-old nonprofit think tank with the mission of improving transportation through research, policy innovation, and leadership training. In this role, Dr. Schank also oversees oversaw directed Eno’s highly visible working groups on public-private partnerships, on freight, aviation, and transportation finance.

Dr. Schank started his career at the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority as a transportation planner, and went on to work as a Congressional Transportation Fellow and Legislative Assistant in the United State Senate. He also worked as a senior associate for

~~two major international transportation consulting firms, specializing in public transit and federal transportation policy, planner, and went on to work as a Congressional Transportation Fellow/Legislative Assistant and a senior associate for two large international consulting firms. He also also served as Director of Transportation Research for the Bipartisan Policy Center based in Washington, DC, where he directed a large panel of former elected officials, policy experts, business executives, and civic leaders, overseeing a national study of federal transportation policy that resulted in recommendations for accountable, performance-based transportation programs, where he directed various transportation programs at a prominent bipartisan national think tank founded by four former majority leaders of the U.S. Senate. In that role, Dr. Schank managed a 26-member oversight panel that included former elected officials, policy experts, business executives, and civic leaders.~~

“Dr. Schank is highly regarded across the transportation industry as a collaborator and an innovator,” said ~~Metro’s~~ [LA Metro CEO Phillip Washington](#). “He is a leader in transportation policy and driving mobility solutions through his own unique vision.”

In July, just two months after taking the helm as Metro’s new CEO, Washington announced the creation of an Office of Extraordinary Innovation. The intent of this office is to champion new ideas to improve mobility in LA County. The responsibilities are threefold: 1) Inform the high-level vision for LA Metro through exposure to innovative people, organizations, and industries; 2) Support Metro departments in piloting and implementing new and experimental programs and policy; and 3) Serve as the primary liaison for new ideas relevant to LA Metro, coming from entrepreneurs, private sector entities, academia, or individuals.

“This office will be responsible for mining and implementing the most out of the box and innovative strategies the transportation industry has ever seen in this country,” said Washington. “This will be our Innovative Strike Force Team in areas such as public-private partnerships, (P3’s), value capture opportunities, high technology, ~~and~~ autonomous vehicle impact on transit, ~~etc.~~, as well as leading the agency’s strategic planning efforts.”

[Dr. Schank](#) earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Urban Studies – Political Science from Columbia University. He earned a Masters of Arts Degree in City Planning – City Design and Development from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), ~~and~~ then his Ph.D. in Urban Planning with a Transportation Specialization from Columbia University, New York, NY.

Dr. Schank will begin his new role as Chief Innovation Officer on Oct. 5, [2015](#).

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