



Crenshaw/LAX Community Leadership Council

CLC QUARTERLY UPDATE

WINTER 2014

Letter from the CLC Co-Chair



Greetings Crenshaw/LAX Community Stakeholders,

It is with great pleasure that we are beginning the New Year with the next phase of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, and I am continuing my service as Co-Chair of the Crenshaw/LAX Community Leadership Council (CLC). In 2013, the CLC continued to fulfill its mission to foster, advance and promote community-based dialogue regarding the specific needs of residents and business owners in the neighborhoods where the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project will be built. As we move into the new year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have attended a meeting, made a phone call, or provided input to the CLC over the past 12 months. Our labor has afforded us numerous rewards. We have raised the awareness around the need for safety at grade crossings and for outreach to our schools and community groups on rail line safety. We identified, connected with and heard the concerns of many business owners along the rail line, but our work has just begun! We look forward to your continued partnership with the CLC in 2014 and hope your holidays were blessed.

Get on Board!

Arna M. Fulcher
Inglewood Co-Chair



Quick Facts about the Crenshaw/LAX Community Leadership Council

In 2011, Metro established the Crenshaw/LAX Community Leadership Council (CLC) to serve as an advisory group to Metro for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project. Over the last eighteen months, the CLC has helped secure the Leimert Park station, assisted in the development of the Hindry station, established coordination with Metro on implementation of the Project Labor Agreement, and established a process to identify potential safety issues. At the CLC Quarterly Meeting held on October 24th, 2013, Metro recognized the CLC for their commitment and accomplishments since the council's formation. The CLC members were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Metro CEO Art Leahy, and a Metro lapel pin.



Front L-R: Linda Ricks, Arna Fulcher, Tunua Thrash-Ntuk, Father Marcos Gonzalez, Taylor Mayfield, Reverend Jackie Russell; Back L-R: Armen Ross, Lt. Karl Schow, Willie Brown, Sharron King, Denny Schneider

SOME QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE COUNCIL:

- > The Council, whose purpose is to make a diligent attempt to achieve a broad community consensus on the transit project's design, construction, and safe operation, is made up of stakeholders in the impacted community who represent the diverse interests of residents and business owners, as well as religious and community-based organizations.
- > The current CLC membership roster includes stakeholders from a variety of organizations such as the West Angeles Community Development Corporation, Westchester Neighbors Association, Crenshaw High School, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Faithful Central Bible Church, Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce (GLAAACC), Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce, Park Mesa Heights Community Council, Inglewood Today, First Church of God...Center of Hope, St. John Chrysostom Church, Inglewood/Airport Area Chamber of Commerce and Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza.
- > CLC Members must meet one or more of the following during their service: continuously reside in the corridor area, own or manage an existing business concern in the corridor area, supervise a public agency in the corridor area, represent an active community-based homeowner or neighborhood organization or represent a business or employee group in the corridor.
- > The CLC holds Quarterly Meetings every January, April, July and October of the year which are open to the public.
- > The CLC also holds quarterly Project Oriented Discussions (PODs), which function as small topic-specific working group sessions, where key community stakeholders, guest speakers and Metro staff are invited to speak on specialized or technical expertise in key issues under discussion about the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project.

Community Leadership Council Members serve as Construction Safety Training Advocates

At the concluding Project Oriented Discussion (POD) of 2013, Crenshaw/LAX Community Leadership Council (CLC) Safety POD members volunteered to aid in community outreach efforts for Metro to conduct Construction Safety Awareness Trainings in



schools, senior centers and churches along the alignment. The Construction Safety Awareness Program was developed to take a proactive approach in promoting safe behaviors near construction sites and increasing construction safety awareness for students, senior citizens and stakeholders in the areas along the alignment. As Construction Safety

Training Advocates, these Safety POD members will engage with respective groups and note their interest in hosting a training session at their facility, while Metro Construction Relations staff coordinate and facilitate the training. Advocates will report quarterly on the status of groups and organizations that have been engaged and have signed up for the training. To learn more about construction safety on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project site, please visit metro.net/crenshaw and click the Construction Safety tab.

To request a Construction Safety Awareness Training with your organization, school, senior center or church, contact the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project team on the Project Hotline 213.922.2736 or by email at crenshawcorridor@metro.net.

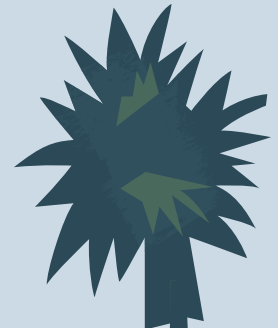
Crenshaw/LAX Business Opportunities Summit

On Monday, October 28, 2013, Metro, in partnership with the Los Angeles Sentinel Newspaper and the CLC, hosted the Crenshaw/LAX Business Opportunities Summit at the California African American Museum. The Summit was a forum for Metro to inform and educate residents and local small businesses around South Los Angeles about a broad range of economic opportunities. During the Summit, both Metro and the design-build contractor, Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors, highlighted the wide range of their respective business opportunities and non-construction-related professional career options that will be available with the construction of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project.

More than 300 small, minority and women-owned businesses, as well as job seekers, attended the summit. They were able to meet with various Metro department heads. In addition to interacting with Metro CEO Art Leahy, community members heard from Metro Board Member Mark Ridley-Thomas, Metro Board Member Jackie Dupont-Walker, CLC Inglewood Co-Chair Arna Fulcher and LA Sentinel Publisher Danny Bakewell.

The event marked the first time Metro has ever brought their most important business units and their highest-ranking executives to the community to discuss possible business opportunities for numerous projects at Metro.

As Metro continues to change the face of transportation in Los Angeles County, the Construction Careers Policy adopted by the Metro Board, targets disadvantaged workers who live in economically challenged zip codes throughout the nation. The zip codes are available on metro.net/pla. All large Metro projects for the next five years will require that 40% of the hours worked on our projects are done by the targeted workers mentioned above. In addition to the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Metro has projects, under construction or soon to be under construction including: Division 13 Bus Maintenance Facility; Gold Line Foothill Extension; Purple Line Extension; Regional Connector Transit Project; and the Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit Project. We're excited to see what the future brings to South Los Angeles.



Crenshaw/LAX Community Leadership Council Member Highlight – Erick Holly

Born in Los Angeles, and currently residing in Inglewood, Erick Holly is committed to making sure his community benefits from the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project. For the last four years, Erick has served as the Vice President of the Inglewood/Airport Area Chamber of Commerce. In this position, he works with new and seasoned businesses in the city, facilitates networking opportunities, and acts as a liaison between businesses and the City of Inglewood.



His experience at the Chamber has lent itself well to his work within the Crenshaw/LAX Community Leadership Council (CLC). He is the Co-Moderator of the CLC Small Business Resources Project Oriented Discussion (POD). This POD's purpose is to provide small businesses along the rail alignment with information about assistance and training programs. Plans for the POD include coordinating with small businesses along the corridor and assess needs, assisting businesses with marketing and other logistics during construction,

and providing business owners with information regarding business resources and free assistance programs and training. As a former owner of MEM Automotive, Erick understands the needs of businesses in the area.

Mr. Holly's interest also spreads to other PODs, attending almost every meeting on the CLC calendar and striving to stay abreast of all project happenings so that he can provide information to members of the Inglewood/Airport Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Inglewood community as a whole.

With the evolution of leadership in Inglewood, Mr. Holly says the city is already making a change for the better on its own. "I want the Crenshaw line to add to the movement that is already taking place and provide people with a way to get to The Forum, the Hollywood Park Tomorrow, and Market St in downtown Inglewood, which will be under redevelopment soon."

Construction Update

In a precursor to major construction, Metro Builders, the Advanced Utility Relocation Contractor, has been paving the way for major construction by performing advanced utility relocation. Advanced utility relocation is imperative on a major capital project to avoid impacting existing utility lines. Already, scores of utility lines have been relocated along the alignment. These include an 18-inch sewer line at Crenshaw Bl and 67th St, a 10-inch sewer line at Crenshaw Bl and 59th St and a storm drain just north of Crenshaw Bl and 48th St.

Additional Metro Builders work began in December 2013 with relocation of the water line crossings at 48th, 50th, 54th St, and Slauson Av and Crenshaw Bl. The water line relocation starts at 48th St and 50th St, while work at 54th St. and Slauson Av will follow shortly thereafter.

Other Utility Relocation will be performed by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power on Crenshaw Bl between Exposition Bl and Rodeo Rd. Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC), the Design-Builder, has also begun light construction work with geotechnical boring (surveying) along the Metro right-of-way. Major construction on the Project is slated to start spring 2014.



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