# **Chief Communications Officer Report**

June 2017



#### Measure M Video

- New video summarizes Measure M and its impacts
- For use in community presentations, public meetings and stakeholder meetings

https://www.dropbox.com/s/hwxl9ziuo8ym6nt/Measure M FinalCut 05 HQ.mp4?dl=0



# **Department Reorganization**

- To provide more seamless customer service
- To better streamline some functions for better efficiency, coordination and cross-training opportunities
- To position the Communications Department for the implementation of Measure M





# Reorganization Elements

- Combine Customer Relations and Customer Programs and Services into one department
- Rename Metro's customer service function as the Customer Care Department





# Reorganization Elements

- Move Creative Services
   Department (Metro Art)
   from Planning back to
   Communications
- Rename the program the Art and Design Programs Department







## **New Education Campaign**

- New public education campaign –
   Next Stop...
- An ongoing and flexible campaign to showcase Metro's progress
- Rollout begins this month on the Metro system, social media, radio and print ads and banners
- Billboards and other outdoor ads planned for late summer





# **Marketing Efforts**

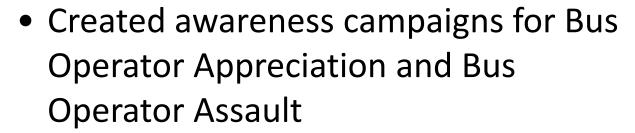
- Partnered with LA24 team for IOC visit in May
- Code of Conduct Campaign –
   Metro Manners
- Advertising RFP in process
- Orange Line advertising outreach underway
- Working with OMB to brand and promote new Low Income
   Rider Program

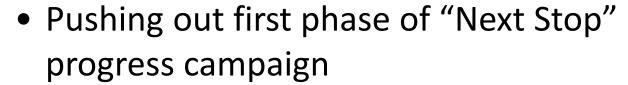




# Social/Digital Media

- Snapchat geofilters very active
  - Utilizes rider proximity around major stations to allow people to brand their riding experience









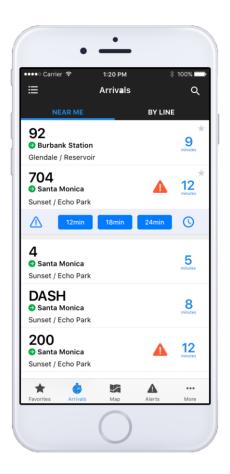






#### Website/Mobile

- Mobile app, Go Metro version 4.0, will launch in June
  - Available for download from Apple and Android stores





#### **Commute Services**

- U-Pass Program launched Cal State LA and LA Pierce College, and converted USC from I-TAP to U-Pass
- Employer Annual Pass Program signed up 60 new businesses
- Collected \$1.1 million in new sales for U-Pass and EAPP year to date FY17
- The Metro Shop reimagined storefront for Metro branded merchandise



## **Press and Special Events**

- 50 news releases
- The Source 470,000 page views
- El Pasajero 39,200 page views
- 1,100 service alerts
- 25 press and special events





# Community Relations Activities

- Represented Metro at 260 community meetings or events
- Strengthened relationships with the cities, LA24 team, and business and community organizations
- Reached 180,000 community members through various safety outreach efforts
- Held first Older Adult Mini Pop-Up Expo in the South Bay
- Transitioning Metro Guided Tours into other tour programs

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#### **Construction Relations Activities**

- Crenshaw/LAX Debuted flyover video by LA Trade Tech students
- Purple Line Extension Decking began at Wilshire/Fairfax to build the second of three stations
- Regional Connector Extensive outreach for 6<sup>th</sup> Street Closure
- Eat, Shop, Play Launched program in Beverly Hills





# **Government Relations**

#### **State**

- Advocated for Metro priorities in State Transportation Bill
- Successfully advanced Metro Legislative agenda in Sacramento
- Leading coalition opposition to SB268 Mendoza



#### **Government Relations**

#### **Federal**

- Closely tracking major federal grant opportunities including FASTLANE and TIGER grants
- Worked to secure \$300 million in New Starts funding for rail projects in FY17
- Working to secure \$400 million in New Starts for FY18
  - Includes Purple Line Section 3
- Working with Trump administration on infrastructure program



#### **Customer Care**

- Answered 1,484,178 through Q3
- Average wait time for customer calls was 17 seconds
- Processed approximately 35K Reduced Fare applications
- Mobile Customer Center Visited 35 locations, serving 900 customers





#### **Look-Ahead**

- Communications Support Services RFP July
- Advertising Contract to Board September/October
- 2nd Annual Older Adult Expo October
- APTA AdWheel Grand Award for Measure M Oct. 9









