

Metro Director Fernando Dutra
Metro Board – Year One Recap
2021-22



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Re-envisioning the 710 Communities

- Supported the creation of **Metro Task Force** to re-imagine the 710, with strong input from residents and community organizations
- COG created a 14-member **Ad Hoc Committee**
 - Issues covering: community engagement, equity, and effects on the 710 communities
- Metro Board adopted the “**No Build Alternative**”
 - Written in the 710 environmental document



Aerial image of I-710/I-105 interchange-Lynwood, CA

Re-envisioning the 710 Communities continued...

- Ad Hoc committee completed its work on May 16
 - COG Board adopted their recommendations at its June 1st meeting
- Officially transform inclusion in the **Metro Investment Plan**
 - Ensure long-awaited improvements for Southeast LA residents
- Initial preparation on **COG advocacy plan for 710**,
 - Modeled after WSAB Advocacy Plan

Thank You to all the members of the Ad Hoc committee for submitting recommendations to Metro Task Force.

Their time, leadership and commitment to Southeast LA was well received and appreciated.

Pursuing Zero Emission Trucks for 710 Communities

- Partnered with Supervisors Hahn, Solis, and Mitchell to secure **\$50 million from Measure R for a 710 South Clean Truck Program**
 - Replaces diesel trucks with zero emission trucks
 - Pursue aggressive federal and state advocacy and funding
- Prioritized discussions on **zero emission infrastructure** funding
 - Funding focused on **disadvantaged communities along the 710 freeway**

Pursuing Zero Emission Trucks for 710 Communities continued...

- Initiated **joint Metro/COG letter addressed to the California Energy Commission and California Air Resources Board**
 - Strongly urging the deployment of ZE trucks serving the 710 corridor



I-710 S/I-405 Interchange--Long Beach, CA

West Santa Ana Branch Project

- Organized and rallied cities, with Supervisor Hahn, to speak in **support of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)**
 - Presented at January Metro Board meeting
- Metro Board selected the **LPA** in January 2022
 - **LPA** included an emphasis on a one-seat ride from Artesia to Union Station,
 - **LPA** included an analysis of cut-and-cover and at-grade station analysis
- WSAB entered into the **Federal Transit Administration New Starts Project Development Phase of the Capital Investment Grant program**

West Santa Ana Branch Project continued...

- Advocated for Metro's *Golden Opportunity Package*
 - Calling for \$10 billion investment in transit projects in LA County
 - Including **\$1.2 billion for WSAB 4**
- Advocated for Metro applying for **\$1 billion** in state transit and intercity rail grant funding (TIRCP)



West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor—LA Metro

West Santa Ana Branch Project continued...

- Signed a letter addressed to White House urging inclusion of the Biden-Harris Administration Justice40 Initiative into the Federal Transit Administration's federal CIG/New Starts program
- Met with members and staff from our state delegation numerous times
 - Submitted letters of support throughout the federal and state budget processes
- Planning **advocacy trip to Washington DC** on September 28-30, 2022
- Completed **four Master Cooperative Agreements (MCAs)** to define roles, reduce risks, and ensure cities get paid for their work on WSAB
 - Planned groundbreaking in 2023/25!

West Santa Ana Branch Project continued...

- Continuing to work with other cities to ensure MCAs are signed by September 28th trip
- Co-authored motion to **expand Metro's Workforce Initiative Now**
 - Program to include partners along the WSAB alignment to expand construction, operations and pre-apprenticeships for Metro
 - Including Cerritos and Rio Hondo colleges

Gold Line Extension - Eastside Phase 2

- **Release of EIR on June 30th**, with a series of community outreach meetings in July and August
- Metro Board scheduled to **select the Locally Preferred Alternative** in Fall 2022 and develop a funding plan for the project



Gold Line Extension—ABC 7

Gold Line Extension - Eastside Phase 2 continued...

- Continue to **support completing a federal environmental clearance** for Eastside Phase 2
- Continue to advocate for both the **WSAB and Eastside Phase 2 to compete for federal CIG funds**

Launched Fare less System Initiative (FSI) for K-12 and Community College Students

- Approved Phase 1 of pilot program to provide fare less transit
 - Program includes: K-12 and community college students
 - Removing another barrier for students' educational success
- Metro Go Pass programs launched at LAUSD, Long Beach Unified, Paramount Unified, Whittier Union, El Rancho Unified, Cerritos College, and Long Beach City College in Southeast LA



Students ride city bus

Adopted balanced \$8.8 billion FY 2023 Metro Budget

- Included planning funding for WSAB, Eastside Phase 2, I-105, I-605, and I-710
- Included \$300 million investment in public safety
 - Transit ambassadors, homeless outreach, unarmed security, and a new law enforcement RFP
- Restoration of bus service hours to pre-pandemic levels
- Opening of the Metro Regional Connector and Crenshaw/LAX line

Other Metro Highlights

- Adopted **Subregional Equity Guidelines** with funding estimates for the COG to be available in October of each year
- Adopted **Three (3%) Motion** to update the Measure M guidelines
 - Clarify that cities will only pay 3% obligation for project segments that include station construction
- Participated in the groundbreaking for a **new grade separation at Rosecrans/Marquardt** in Santa Fe Springs
 - Improve safety, benefit Amtrak and Metrolink
 - Support goods movement

Other Metro Highlights continued...

- Approved agreements for environmental and design work on the **LA River**
 - Bike path follows from Downtown LA to the lower part in the Gateway Cities
- Began developing **Bienvenidos a Metro** to pursue partnerships in Spanish speaking communities to recruit Metro bus operators



LA River Bike Path

Thank you for an amazing year!

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