

## OFFICE OF EXTRAORDINARY INNOVATION



### **Defining the Problem**

**Problem**: Mobility in Los Angeles County is not working

**Thesis**: We need to do things very differently to reduce Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) use

**Proposed solutions**: Set a course, accelerate projects, and try new stuff





# "We have to have stretch goals that area realistic"



## **ROLE OF METRO STRATEGIC PLAN**

- Foundation that aligns all plans, programs, and services to achieve a common vision
- Establishes mission, vision, and goals to be adopted by other plans (e.g. Long Range Transportation Plan, NextGen Bus Study, etc.)
- Sets principles for making decisions and conducting business



## STRATEGIC MOBILITY: SUPPLY

- Increase capacity for non-SOV modes
- Improve quality of existing transit system





## STRATEGIC MOBILITY: DEMAND

- Manage demand
  - Pricing beyond transit fares
  - Congestion
    pricing
  - Regulate TNCs



Amount of space required to transport the same number of passengers by car, bus, or bicycle. Event info at www.facebook.com/Urban.Ambassadors - Photos by www.tobinbennett.com (Des Moines, Iowa - August 2010)





### "This is a really innovative idea but we can't do it. It's never been done before"



## MicroTransit Pilot

Can Metro increase customer satisfaction & attract new riders?

- > A cross between a pooled ride and a shuttle bus
- > Meets increasing expectation for convenience
- > Expands FMLM solutions
- > Flexible and seamless
  - Integrated with transit system
  - o Serves non-linear travel



On Demand | Dynamically Routed Data Driven | Corner to Corner





### "If we improve our service more people will use it and we can't afford that."



## Mobility on Demand

Partner with a transportation network company to provide better and more equitable access to 3 pilot transit stations







### "We could have thought of that on our own."



## **Unsolicited Proposals: Background**

- In February 2016, <u>Metro opened its</u> <u>doors to the private sector</u>, at an Industry Formument to pursing agency-wide innovation
- > Focus on partnerships-based approach to drive value
- > Debuted the Unsolicited Proposal Policy
  - Any company can submit a proposal on any idea
  - Encourages the private sector to tell us what we should do differently
  - Declares intention to implement ideas with financial/technical

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UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS POLICY

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## **Megaproject & Finance Proposals**

# OEI has advanced 3 megaprojects based on unsolicited proposals

- > West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor
  - > Will be a competitive P3
- > Sepulveda Pass Transit Corridor
  - > Will be a Project Development Agreement (PDA)
- > Strategic Managed Lanes Network
  - > Toll bond underwriting pool



### West Santa Ana Branch Corridor



### **Metro Planned Delivery**

- > Light rail transit split into two phases:
  - \$3.7-\$4.5 billion capital cost
  - Groundbreaking in 2022
  - o Delivery in 2028 (Phase I) & 2041 (Phase II)

### **Unsolicited Proposals**

- > Kiewit and Skanska proposed different models for P3 delivery, both of which combine phases and provide substantial acceleration
- Sufficient evidence from financial analysis to indicate
  P3 is preferred delivery method
- > Still need to solve cash flow challenges due to early operations and debt financing
- > A Project Development Agreement did not offer substantial benefits because cash flow is the key issue

## Sepulveda Pass Transit Corridor



### **Metro Planned Delivery**

- > Managed lanes through Sepulveda pass with transit element
  - 0 \$9.8 billion capital cost
  - 0 Groundbreaking in 2024
  - Delivery in 2026 (Managed Lanes), 2033 (transit element), & 2048 (transit to LAX)

### **Unsolicited Proposals**

- > Parsons and Cintra each submitted proposals suggesting design and delivery innovations that could speed delivery and reduce cost of transit element significantly
- > Managed Lanes component was removed from P3 consideration due to lack of value to Metro, but revenue will still be allocated to this project
- > Includes a Project Development Agreement (PDA) through environmental process before proceeding to a P3

## **Express Lanes System Financing**

## **METRO EXPRESSLANES**

### **Metro Planned Delivery**

> Tiered deployment of Express Lanes projects based on cap-ex needs on a singleproject basis

### **Unsolicited Proposal**

- > Goldman Sachs suggested using excess revenues from existing Express Lanes Projects to finance cap-ex of new projects through a system-wide security with a single revenue pledge
  - 0 Avoids use of Measure M sales tax/bond revenue, freeing funds for other projects
  - Reduces need for short term borrowing at higher rates to fund initial project costs
  - Requires us to develop a toll bond underwriting pool, among other steps
  - 0 Is not a traditional P3, but could support/accommodate P3s with statutory authority





### "We shouldn't give our customers more options – that will confuse them"



## Mobile Tolling Concept

Can smartphones replace ExpressLanes infrastructure and improve system performance?

- > Reduce need for gantries and transponders
- > Increase ExpressLanes user base
- > Reduce toll evasion and "leakage"
- > Improve customer experience and convenience
- > Reduce costs





## Real-Time Customer

#### Information

Could more accurate ETAs when riders need them most improve customer confidence?

- > Evidence that poor arrival info hurts rider retention
- > Improved arrival prediction + better bus location data
- > Prediction accuracy improves as bus nears
- > More certainty for customer, especially to avoid missed pick ups





## Smart Bike Racks

Could better bike access at stations allow more people to bike to Metro with fewer bikes on board trains?

- > Stronger locks and CCTV
- > Shared-use, free to customer
- > Accessible via walk-up or app
  - Potential TAP integration
- Complements other bike planning initiatives







# "This is a waste of time and money. That's what Bob told me."



## Vehicle-to-Infrastructure

Can better information help Bus Operators catch more green lights on the Orange Line?

- > Faster, smoother ride for customers
- > More service with fewer buses
- > Reduced fuel consumption

> Software development planned for small scale pilot





# Drone-Based System

### Can Metro utilize drones to inspect more for less?

- > Safer, more flexible operation
- > Increased efficiency, cost effectiveness and data capture
- > Broad range of additional use cases





## **Creating a Culture of Innovation**

The Office of Extraordinary Innovation brings Metro staff together to solve problems and drive innovative thinking...

#### **Systems Thinking**

Matrix-based structure promotes connections & systems over silos

#### Market Exposure

Exposes Metro staff to a wide range of ideas, approaches, and products

### **Critical Thinking**

Novel concepts that don't fit with existing protocols demand critical thinking

#### **Solutions Focus**

Shift from process-focused "Can we do this?" to solutions-focused "Would it add value?"





## THANK YOU

