Juggling Crystal Balls: Tackling LA County’s Transportation Future

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Abstract
The Los Angeles County is at a transportation cross roads—at once exhilarating and daunting. The passage of Measure M has provided enormous opportunity to advance a truly multi-modal transportation future for all who live, work, play and often struggle in this area. But the accountability attached to carrying out that mobility vision is equally great, and must be exercised at a time when national transportation policy is shifting, and innovation is challenging the technology we use and the institutions that define us.

Therese McMillan, Chief Planning Officer of Metro, will outline the next steps LA Metro is taking to meet these challenges, including a reimagined Long Range Transportation Planning process that will help the agency “juggle the crystal balls” in new and different ways.

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