



**Mobilize 2023**  
**“Zero-Mission Economy:  
Public, Private, Partnerships”**  
*Workforce Development Program Initiatives*

Marion Jane Colston, Metro

Tuesday, October 31, 2023 – 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm





## Agency Roles and Responsibilities

---

Our agency staff serve as:

- Planners
- Designers
- Builders
- Operators

...for the country's 3rd largest transit system and most populous county.

A high-angle photograph of a crowded train platform. A silver train is on the left, with its doors open. People are walking along the platform, some carrying bags and backpacks. A black sign with white text and a left-pointing arrow is mounted above the platform. A red banner with white text is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

← Union Station

10 million people – largest county in the US – and growing

# Los Angeles County at-a-Glance

Los Angeles County is most impacted by every statewide statistic.

Future population, employment, and goods movement growth will raise new challenges.



32% of the non-motorized fatalities and serious injury collisions

25% of the population



47% of Vehicle Hour Delay



51% of sales tax revenues

46% of the Disadvantaged Communities residents

73% of airborne freight



86% of seaport freight



**Worst traffic congestion in the country**

# Transforming transportation



# Reimagining bus service



## Zero Emission Buses

CARB has mandated ***100% Zero Emission Buses by 2040*** – and Metro is working to achieve this ahead of the deadline

- Phase 1: G Line (Orange) and J Line (Silver) BRTs
- Phase 2: Systemwide vehicles and charging

We need policies and ongoing funding to obtain and operate new technologies successfully.



**BUILDING OUR WORKFORCE**





## Career Pathways



**Women in non-traditional transportation roles**



# Next Generation Workforce Development Programs

