

The Westside Urban Forum Presents
“Getting Transit Back on Track”
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Panelists

Steve Fiechter

Sr. Director of Metro Services, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)

Steve joined PATH’s Veteran Services Department in 2013, and in 2015 co-lead PATH’s Intensive Case Management Team. Now, as Senior Director of Metro Los Angeles, Steve oversees PATH’s outreach, interim housing, and supportive service programs in metropolitan Los Angeles.

Steve has long been an advocate for change and the application of theory into effective practice. Whether working with community and faith-based groups through transformational processes or working to assist people experiencing homelessness struggling with mental illness, his work has focused on helping people thrive. Steve is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, who received his MSW from CSU-Dominguez Hills, his BA in Economics from Montclair State University, and Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. If you’re looking for him when he’s not at work, you might find him jogging somewhere in Hollywood or working in his garden.



Daniel Rodman

Deputy Director Transportation, Mayor Karen Bass’s Office

Daniel is active in the Los Angeles bicycle community, serving as a member of the UCLA Bicycle Coalition and as a Westside Neighborhood Ambassador for the LA County Bicycle Coalition. Daniel is on Los Angeles’ Bicycle Plan Implementation Team, and most Thursdays one can find him volunteering at the Bikerowave, a do-it-yourself community bicycle shop in Mar Vista.



**Pamela Krebs**

Los Angeles Metro, Communications- Public Relations

Pam Krebs joined Metro in 2023 as Executive Officer, Communications where she leads media relations, event planning and internal communications for the Agency. Most recently, she was involved in planning the Grand Opening celebration for Metro's Regional Connector, which transforms the way riders can travel across LA County. She is excited to help celebrate upcoming Metro projects, including those on the Westside, such as the much anticipated LAX/Metro Transit Center Station, which opens in 2024, and the upcoming phased expansion of the D "Purple" Line. Prior to joining Metro, Pam has had an extensive career working in communications across private sector companies throughout LA County, including Nestle and Mars.

**Stephen Tu**

Director for Operations, Los Angeles Metro

Stephen Tu serves as a Senior Director within the Service Development unit for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro), overseeing operations, planning, and communications responsibilities throughout the Greater Los Angeles region.

Stephen is currently leading a range of customer-facing projects including Bus Lanes and Transit Signal Priority expansion under Metro's NextGen Speed & Reliability Tactical Transit Engineering team, public safety and cleanliness programs, and innovative technologies from All Door Bus Boarding to Camera Bus Lane Enforcement.

During his term at LA Metro, Stephen has also led strategic initiatives within the Executive Office, transformed large scale special event operations for Metro Rail, managed real-time bus & rail service alerts/disruptions and assisted with Transit Access Pass (TAP) fare collection/mobile fare payments, ExpressLanes congestion reduction initiative, Dodger Stadium Express, and public safety partners.

Having worked at the Federal, County, and Municipal levels of various transportation agencies, as well as the private sector, Stephen has progressively developed a comprehensive portfolio of leadership and experience in bus and rail operations, service planning and scheduling, special events, crisis management, fare collection, smart card and mobile device technologies, customer service, marketing, communications, social media, research, system safety and security.

Stephen holds a Bachelor of Arts, Urban Studies from University of California, Berkeley and a Master of Business Administration from University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.



Moderator

Eli Lipmen

Executive Director, Move LA

Eli Lipmen was appointed as the Executive Director of Move LA in July 2022. Move LA is a coalition-building nonprofit organization that led the effort to pass transformative mobility solutions through Measures R (2008) and M (2016) in LA County that fund public transit operations, capital projects, and maintenance.
