

## TRISHA MURAKAWA, Community Connections, LLC Program Manager

### EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

- B.A., Sociology  
Emphasis in social stratification  
& politics, UCLA

### VALUE TO METRO

- More than 25 years of experience managing public outreach and community engagement projects in the public sector in all project phases from site selection, design, construction and maintenance/repair
- Experience managing large scale transportation, community planning and construction projects

Ms. Murakawa has more than 25 years of experience in strategic communications, public affairs and project management working in the AEC industry. She specializes in complex controversial projects and works with her clients to identify public issues and concerns and mitigate or address them before they escalate. Early in her career, she worked in transportation in bus operations, rail planning and rail construction where she has extensive experience in public engagement for large scale projects.



Prior to her work in transportation, Ms. Murakawa worked for the RTD as it transitioned into Metro. Her projects included community relations and serving as the agency liaison with transportation staff in LA City Council districts in South Los Angeles, Downtown Los Angeles, Pico-Union and Koreatown. She also worked on the final environmental clearance for the Metro Eastside Extension – Final EIR/EIS and worked with local elected officials and key staff that represented the alignment in downtown Los Angeles and East Los Angeles, as well as the construction public affairs program for the Vermont Corridor for the Metro Red Line that connected the Wilshire

stations to Hollywood. She was responsible for the B252 contract (the hole through) as well as the Vermont/Beverly, Vermont/Santa Monica and Vermont/Sunset stations where she worked with key stakeholders including Kaiser Permanente, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Hollywood Presbyterian/Queen of Angles Hospital, Los Angeles City College, Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, among many others. Prior to her work in transportation, Ms. Murakawa coordinated state government relations for UCLA Government Relations and served with two members of the California State legislature where she worked on higher education, labor, health and human services and environmental issues including air quality and clean water.

Ms. Murakawa is also active in the community, currently serving on the board of WTS-LA as the chair of the Small Business Committee and on the board for the Little Tokyo Service Center Economic Development Corporation. She is the former chair of the American Lung Association of California and the former president of the American Civil Liberties Union in Southern California and writes a column for a local community newspaper.

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### **Regional Connector 1<sup>st</sup>/Central Station Improvement Project, METRO | Los Angeles, CA**

Ms. Murakawa is part of the public outreach/community engagement team an active transportation project for the Regional Connector's 1<sup>st</sup>/Central Station that straddles Little Tokyo and the Arts District. She is responsible for working in coordination with Metro staff to implement communication activities to engage the community in the urban design.

### **Safe Sidewalks LA, City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering, | Los Angeles, CA**

The City of Los Angeles is understating an unprecedented 30-year \$1.4 billion investment to repair hazardous sidewalks. The program prioritizes requests from those with mobility-related disabilities and considers the proximity to transportation corridors and transit stops. Residents can also take advantage of a rebate program offered to property owners who initiate and pay for their own repairs. Responsibilities include outreach to raise awareness about the rebate piece of the program to encourage property owners to repair their sidewalks and to raise awareness of the program to people with disabilities.

**LAX Consolidated Rent-A-Car Facility, Los Angeles World Airports | Los Angeles, CA**

LAX ConRAC Partners (P3 Team) and the Los Angeles World Airports are building the Consolidated Rent-A-Car Facility that is part of the Landside Access Management Program (LAMP) to expand the airport and improve the LAX guest experience. The ConRAC campus will house 20 rental car companies to facilitate the ready/return of 6,600 vehicles, with 10,000 idle vehicle spaces, 1,100 ConRAC employee parking spaces, rental car companies' administrative offices, maintenance and car washing operations and the ConRAC administrative operations team. When completed, ConRAC will be the largest rental car facility in the world. Expected completion is 2023. Ms. Murakawa serves as part of the communications team and works closely with the LAMP communications director, the P3 communications manager and the ConRAC project manager to proactively mitigate and address stakeholder concerns during construction.

**Clean Water (Wastewater) Program, LA Sanitation & Environment | Los Angeles, CA**

Ms. Murakawa is part of the community outreach team working closely with the LA Sanitation & Environment Public Information Director where she coordinates special project assigned by the director. Projects include media and public speaking training, special events coordination, creative collateral development and two major projects: The Venice Dual Force Main Sewer Project where Ms. Murakawa helped move the project through its final environmental clearance approvals in accordance with CEQA requirements as well as the coastal development process because of its proximity to the coast. Ms. Murakawa also staffs the El Segundo Citizens Forum for the public information director and the leadership at the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant. The group was established as a mitigation measure for the city of El Segundo and has played a central role to improve and strengthen the relationship between Hyperion leadership and El Segundo elected leaders, city staff and plant neighbors.