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| **Tuesday, October 2, 2012 121002-1**  **In this Issue:**  **APTA Honors Metro Board Director and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa For Leadership On America Fast Forward**  **Los Angeles Prepares to Celebrate 5th CicLAvia Event** |
| **APTA Honors Metro Board Director and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa For Leadership On America Fast Forward**  Today, at their annual conference in Seattle, Washington, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) honored Metro Board Director and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, for his leadership on transit issues. The Mayor was specifically lauded for his successful role in working with Congress to have America Fast Forward adopted into our nation’s new surface transportation program. At a luncheon attended by over 1,000 public transportation leaders from across the nation, the Mayor was awarded APTA’s 2012 Distinguished Service Award. The award is grantedto individuals who make outstanding contributions to the public transportation industry though policy, legislative initiative and leadership. In his remarks to those in attendance, the Mayor shared the journey our agency and the region has gone through with the passage of Measure R and the opportunities made possible through the inclusion of America Fast Forward in MAP-21. Metro Board Directors Richard Katz and Mel Wilson along with Metro staff were in attendance. We appreciate APTA’s recognition of Director Villaraigosa’s valuable and ongoing contribution to building a stronger transportation infrastructure for all Americans. Please click here to view a [picture](http://www.simplesend.com/simple/t.asp?S=336&ID=&NL=4423&N=72538&SI=4255814&URL=http%3A%2F%2Flibraryarchives%2Emetro%2Enet%2FDB%5FAttachments%2F121002%5FFull%5FPage%5FFax%5FPrint%2Epdf) of Metro Board Director and Mayor Villaraigosa, Rosa Navejar, Chair APTA Awards Committee, Secretary, APTA Transit Board Members Committee; Member, APTA Executive Committee; and Vice Chair, Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Fort Worth, TX and myself at today’s award ceremony.  **Los Angeles Prepares to Celebrate 5th CicLAvia Event**  On Sunday, October 7, 2012 Los Angeles will celebrate its fifth [CicLAvia](http://www.simplesend.com/simple/t.asp?S=336&ID=&NL=4423&N=72538&SI=4255814&URL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Eciclavia%2Eorg%2F), transforming 9.1 miles of normally congested streets into a car-free, linear park for strolling, biking, playing, and experiencing the city from a new perspective. The route offers a veritable grand tour of Los Angeles’ most celebrated attractions, connecting the world-class museums of Exposition Park with the architectural landmarks surrounding the newly completed Grand Park in the city’s civic center. The CicLAvia route includes six hubs, each situated in the heart of a unique neighborhood and accessible by Metro Rail: MacArthur Park; Exposition Park; Grand Park at Civic Center; Central Plaza in Chinatown; and Mariachi Plaza and Soto Station in Boyle Heights. Please click [here](http://www.simplesend.com/simple/t.asp?S=336&ID=&NL=4423&N=72538&SI=4255814&URL=http%3A%2F%2Fthesource%2Emetro%2Enet%2F2012%2F10%2F01%2Ffifth%2Dciclavia%2Dfeatures%2Dnew%2Droute%2Dand%2Dfive%2Dnew%2Dhubs%2F%3Futm%5Fsource%3Drss%26utm%5Fmedium%3Drss%26utm%5Fcampaign%3Dfifth%2Dciclavia%2Dfeatures%2Dnew%2Droute%2Dand%2Dfive%2Dnew%2Dhubs) to read more about this event on The Source. | |
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