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| **Metro Receives APTA Sustainability Commitment Platinum Recognition**Today, Metro Board Member and Santa Monica Mayor Pam O'Connor received American Public Transportation Association’s (APTA) Sustainability Commitment Platinum Recognition on behalf of our agency at the 2013 Sustainability and Public Transportation Workshop in San Francisco, California. This is APTA’s highest recognition for sustainability, which is awarded to organizations that continue to demonstrate achievement of commitment metrics through their current and planned projects. Metro is the first and only transit agency in the country who has achieved this recognition level. Metro staff members Cris B. Liban, Timothy Lindholm, Sarah Jepson, and Diego Cardoso also attended the ceremony. To read the complete article as posted on The Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/07/24/metro-achieves-platinum-level-recognition-from-apta/). **HUD Secretary Shaun L.S. Donovan Tours the Public/Private Partnership Site at Westlake/MacArthur Park**Today, Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun L.S. Donovan took a tour of the completed 92-unit apartment development at Westlake/MacArthur Park. This project was successfully completed by Metro’s Joint Development Program, developers, nine financing partners, the City of Los Angeles, and the State of California as part of a public/private partnership effort designed to reduce auto use and increase transit ridership. All residents receive free Metro transit passes as a benefit. More than 1,000 families applied for 92 apartments, which are designated as “affordable,” and were fully rented by the time the development opened in May, 2012. Phase two is scheduled to begin construction in December, and will include an additional 84 affordable apartments as well as retail and commercial space to enhance overall land use and economic development. To read the full story as posted on the Source, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2013/07/29/housing-secretary-tours-metros-westlakemacarthur-park-transit-oriented-development/).**http://thesource.metro.net/2013/07/29/housing-secretary-tours-metros-westlakemacarthur-park-transit-oriented-development/** |
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