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**Metro Wins APTA's 2006 Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement Award**

Yesterday, Metro was presented with 2006 Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement Award by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) at its annual conference held in San Jose, California. Chair Gloria Molina, Director Pam O'Connor, John Catoe and I were all on hand to receive the award which is annually bestowed upon the highest ranked property serving more than 30 million passengers. This is the first time that Metro has received the Achievement Award, however both of Metro's predecessor agencies (the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission and the Southern California Rapid Transit District) received APTA awards for innovation.

APTA president Bill Millar will present the award to Chair Molina, myself and Metro's employees tomorrow at Division 1 (1130 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles) at 10:00 a.m. All board members are invited and are encouraged to contact my office if they are interested in attending the event.

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### **SAFETEA-LU Commission to Hold Field Hearing in Los Angeles County**

Last week, the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission announced plans to hold a field hearing in Los Angeles County in February of 2007. The commission, which was created by SAFETEA-LU, is charged with examining both the needs of the nation's surface transportation system and generating a short and long term plan to ensure the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund. Metro actively encouraged the consideration of a hearing in Los Angeles and was supported in this effort by U.S. Representatives Gary Miller (R-CA) and Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA) who issued a joint letter to the Commission on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event will be co-hosted by Metro, the California Marine and Intermodal Transportation System Advisory Council, the American Traffic Safety Services Association and the Associated General Contractors of America. The hearing's date, venue, time, and agenda information will be provided as it is determined by the Commission.

### **Go Metro to Sunday's Chivas USA Soccer Game**

Media Relations issued a [news release](#) this morning announcing that patrons attending this Sunday's Chivas USA soccer game in Carson will receive a \$3 discount of the price of admission by showing their valid Metro pass or Metro Rail ticket.

### **Of Note**

On this day in 1911, Division 5 at 54th and Van Ness opened under the jurisdiction of Los Angeles Railway with a car house holding 300 streetcars on 24 through tracks. Division 5 was the first division to see racial integration of the motorman ranks. Los Angeles Transit Lines discontinued rail service at Division 5 on May 21, 1955, replacing streetcars with buses. The building was then demolished in 1978 and replaced with a new facility in 1979. Division 5 was

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renamed “The Arthur Winston Mid-Cities Division” at a ceremony held on May 21, 1997 to honor Metro’s longest continuous serving employee, Arthur Winston, born March 22, 1906 and hired by Pacific Electric Railway in 1924. Mr. Winston was named Employee of the Century by President Clinton, and retired on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday after 82 years of service.



Front View of Division 5 Car House

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