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CEO Roger Snoble, Board Chair Pam O'Connor, Board members Bonnie Lowenthal and David

Fleming join city officials and developers of Wilshire-Vermont Station as Los Angeles City

Councilman Herb Wesson cuts the ribbon to mark the official opening of the \$136 million,

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mixed-use development built above the Wilshire Vermont Metro Rail Station.

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Traditional Ceremony Opens Wilshire Vermont Station Complex

(Oct. 16, 2007) Korean fan dancers in colorful traditional costumes set the tone, Tuesday, at a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the formal opening of L.A.'s latest transit-oriented development – Wilshire Vermont Station.

The \$136 million, mixed-use development includes 449 apartments and more than 36,000 square feet of retail space built above the Vermont Metro Rail station. Featured in the building's brochure, which pictures a subway train, is the statement: "Go where you want, when you want...no car required."

Metro Board Chair Pam O'Connor and Board members Bonnie Lowenthal and David Fleming, along with CEO Roger Snoble, represented the agency at the 10 a.m. ceremony. Following approval by the Board in June 2002, construction on the complex began in April 2004.



"Wilshire Vermont Station is the most recent example of our successful public/private development partnership that is re- Korean fan dancers celebrate the moment. creating transit-centered living in our urban communities," said O'Connor.

The retail space will include Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Washington Mutual Bank, T-Mobile, UPS Store, Wasabi Japanese Restaurant, and other restaurants and retail outlets.

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