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CEO Roger Snoble stayed the course of Metro for seven and a half years. Get in the picture for a photo op at the employee reception this Thursday.

Two Farewell Receptions Planned for CEO Roger Snoble

- **Time to say goodbye:** Employee reception is Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. Be there for "The Big Picture." ([PDF](#))
- **Farewell to the Chief:** Public reception at Walt Disney Concert Hall Blue Ribbon Garden on April 2 at 5:30 p.m. celebrates 45-year career of Roger Snoble ([PDF](#))

(March 24, 2009) Two farewell events for departing CEO Roger Snoble will be held during the next two weeks.

The employee reception – themed "Time to say goodbye" – is scheduled at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 26, on the Patsaouras Plaza patio next to the entrance to Customer Relations. Light refreshments, featuring a giant farewell cake decorated with the CEO's photo, will be served.

Get in the Picture!

Of special note, employees will gather with CEO Snoble for a giant photo op at the beginning of a brief program.

A public reception is set for 5:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, April 2, in the Walt Disney Concert Hall Blue Ribbon Garden on Grand Avenue in downtown Los Angeles. The cost to attend is \$40. RSVP at the Metro Store by March 27. The Metro Store is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays. Information: [Irma Rivera](#), 922-4738.

CEO Snoble takes a bow

CEO Snoble announced, Dec. 17, he would retire once his successor was selected. The Metro Board of Directors announced, March 5, the selection of Arthur T. Leahy, currently the head of Orange County Transportation

Authority, to serve as Metro's chief executive effective April 6.

Under the leadership of Roger Snoble, who has led the agency since Oct. 1, 2001, the agency garnered top national awards for excellence, most notably "America's Best" in 2006, when APTA crowned Metro as the nation's "Outstanding Public Transportation System."

CEO Snoble played a key role in securing last fall's passage of Measure R, a new half-cent sales tax that will fund a comprehensive package of new rail and bus and street and highway improvements in the county over the next 30 years.

During his seven and a half years at Metro, CEO Snoble launched the opening of the Metro Gold Line and Metro Orange Line and the expansion of Metro Rapid, and broke ground for the Expo Light Rail Line and the Eastside Extension of the Metro Gold Line. In 2002, CEO Snoble co-founded the Mobility 21 Coalition which today has expanded to encompass transportation advocacy in the entire region of Southern California.

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