



Carol Inge, deputy executive officer, Countywide Planning, holds the Award of Excellence presented to her department recently. With her, from left, are Planning Manager Peter Liu and Ray Maekawa, director, Regional Transportation Planning and Development.

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Project IMAJINE Wins California Architecture Award

By PETER LIU

(Dec. 4, 2001) The MTA's Project IMAJINE has received the "Best California Architecture Advancement" Award of Excellence.

The award was presented, Nov. 28, at the California Alliance of Advanced Transportation Systems annual meeting in San Francisco. Project IMAJINE (Inter-Modal and Jurisdictional Integrated Network Environment) is conducted by the MTA's Transportation Development and Implementation Department.

Project IMAJINE is the first successful system integration project undertaken by a regional transportation agency in California. It is an important step toward achieving a balanced and integrated transportation system in the county.

Using southeast Los Angeles County as a demonstration site, Project IMAJINE has enhanced the connection between freeways and arterial streets. It also has improved the coordination between paratransit for the disabled and the MTA's fixed-route bus operation.

It accomplished that by integrating Caltrans District 7's advanced freeway operation control system, the MTA Transit Database and the City of South Gate's advanced traffic signal control system and by interfacing with Access Service Inc.

Project IMAJINE is a federally funded Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) project to demonstrate that different modes of transportation can communicate seamlessly, and in real time, through system integration using regional ITS architecture that conforms with the U.S. Department of Transportation's national ITS standards.

The MTA Board approved the "Regional Integration of ITS" project in August 2001 to expand the system integration capabilities developed in Project IMAJINE to other modes of transportation and to a wider geographic area of the county.

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