



## **MTA, LADOT to Share 'Blue Sky' award for Metro Rapid Program**

(Oct. 16, 2002) A national transportation organization has awarded a "Blue Sky Merit Award" to MTA and LADOT for the Metro Rapid bus demonstration program on Wilshire/Whittier and Ventura boulevards.

The 2001-2002 award, to be presented in Los Angeles Nov. 7, recognizes MTA and LADOT for the use of clean-air CNG buses in a program "that has become a success story other major cities are beginning to emulate."

The award notes that MTA will purchase new CNG articulated buses and hybrid-electric buses for use on Metro Rapid lines.

The Blue Sky Merit Award will be presented to MTA and LADOT by Weststart-CALSTART, an organization that promotes advanced transportation technologies, including natural gas, electric and hybrid electric vehicles and fuel-cells.

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