

CEO Roger Snoble, right, visited with U.S. Transportation Secretary Norm Mineta, center right, in his Washington, D.C., offices last week. They were joined by, from left, former Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, Little Tokyo Station designer Ted Tanaka and FTA Administrator Jenna Dorn.



### **Snoble Seeks Eastside Rail Funding During D.C. Visit**

(Aug. 6, 2003) CEO Roger Snoble met with U.S. Transportation Secretary Norm Mineta and other federal officials in Washington, D.C., last week, to urge them to expedite full federal funding for the Eastside Light Rail Project.

Snoble reported to the MTA Board that the meeting, which included Federal Transit Administration Administrator Jenna Dorn, was constructive.

Securing a federal commitment to a Full Funding Grant Agreement would provide about half the cost for construction of the rail line into East LA. The Bush Administration's FY 2004 federal budget includes \$55 million for the project.

Snoble also met with Sen. Diane Feinstein, who indicated full support for the Eastside project and a commitment to requesting \$70 million from Congress in FY 2004 for the project.

The CEO included in his Washington trip visits with staff members for Sen. Barbara Boxer and other members of Congress who serve on transportation and appropriations subcommittees. He asked each for support of funding for the Eastside line.

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