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**On the move-** Metro partners with Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce for a spirited discussion of transportation projects in the works. Pictured are, from left, David Briano, Pico Rivera Chamber President; Alex Clifford, Metro Gateway Cities GM; Metro CEO Roger Snoble, and Ray Maekawa, Director of Regional Planning, Gateway Cities Area Team.



## Metro CEO Keynote Speaker at Pico Rivera Quarterly Luncheon

By David Hershenson

Metro CEO Roger Snoble was the keynote speaker at the Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon at the Whittier Radisson Hotel on June 1, 2004. The event was attended by approximately 75 chamber members and others interested in hearing about transportation in the region.

Speaking at a podium surrounded by schoolchildren's entries in the FY03 Mobility 21 Art contest, CEO Snoble talked about some of the major transportation projects that are taking shape in the Gateway Cities region and throughout Los Angeles County.

Also attending were Metro Gateway Cities General Manager Alex Clifford and Gateway Cities Planning Area Team Director Ray Maekawa and Transportation Deputy DA McClain, who attended on behalf of MTA Director and Pico Rivera Councilwoman Beatrice Proo.

## Gateway Cities projects

Snoble announced that the Eastside Full Funding Grant Agreement had just recently been approved, and said the Eastside extension of the Metro Gold Line will greatly benefit the region. He also discussed other major Metro projects, such as the Metro Orange Line Transitway in the San Fernando Valley.

Since the majority of the audience lives and/or works in the Gateway Cities area, Snoble provided information on a number of multi-nodal transit projects, such as current and upcoming Metro Rapid Lines in the region, the I-710 Major Corridor Study along with the community advisory structure that is providing local input to the Oversight Policy Committee, and the I-5 Carmenita Interchange Project that is part of the plan to widen the I-5 freeway between the Orange County line and the I-605 freeway.

Other local transit projects noted included signal synchronization projects, freight traffic relief programs, HOV lane additions, and the San Gabriel River Bicycle Trail Rehabilitation.

Before taking questions, Snoble described the upcoming Rail-Volution and Mobility 21 conferences as important resources for transit information. He then invited guests to tour a shiny Metro Rapid Bus that was parked outside the door, and encouraged attendees to consider using public transit and carpooling whenever possible.

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