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Metro CEO Roger Snoble announces recommendations developed at the breakout sessions of Mobility 21 transportation summit. From left, California Assemblyman Keith Richmond, Metro Board Chairman Frank Roberts, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Chairman George Kieffer, Los Angeles Mayor Jim Hahn, Snoble, Burbank Councilwoman Stacey Murphy and Harry Baldwin, Mayor of the City of San Gabriel.

## Mobility 21 Approves 'Traffic Busters' Plan, Transportation Recommendations



Metro CEO Roger Snoble: "The cuts to transportation in the most recent state budget would have been the worse without the hard work of Mobility 21."

The Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation was named as winner of the 2004 Julian Dixon Award for successfully securing a \$490.7 million full funding grant agreement needed to begin construction on the Eastside Extension of the Metro Gold Line. The award is named in honor of the late Congressman who was an early champion of Los Angeles County's rail and bus systems.

(Aug. 5, 2004) Some 400 government, business, labor and community leaders attending the third annual Mobility 21 transportation summit, this week, approved recommendations aimed at improving the region's transportation infrastructure.

The summit also was the occasion for kicking off a \$9 billion plan to fund LA County's "Top Ten Traffic Busters." The list includes expansion of light rail lines, more carpool lanes, street and highway and freight corridor improvements.

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Metro CEO Roger Snoble, at left, presents the 2004 Julian C. Dixon Award to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation for successfully securing a \$490.7 million full funding grant agreement for the Eastside Extension of the Metro Gold Line.

Among the recommendations approved by Mobility 21 participants were: support the state's proposal to integrate infrastructure planning for housing and transportation under one agency; and support a constitutional amendment to allow a 55 percent vote requirement to pass a local transportation sales tax and support an additional local ½ percent sales tax for transportation.

Also, to support Gov. Schwarzenegger's efforts to repay transportation loans with Indian gaming revenues while looking for long-term solutions; support Operation Traffic and the Watch the Road campaign to reduce unsafe driving behaviors that contribute to accidents and traffic congestion and to establish a grassroots educational campaign to create a better understanding of the links between transportation, economic growth and quality of life.