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Rail~Volution host committee members showcase transit-oriented developments at press conference held Friday at the Metro Gold Line Del Mar Station construction site of a major housing and retail development. From left, Dan Rosenfeld, Urban Partners; Mary Simon, Rail~Volution director; Michael Dieden, Creative Housing Associates; Susan Kamei, ULI; Jack Kyser, Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation; Joyce Perkins, Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative; Metro CEO Roger Snoble; Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard, and Stephanos Polyzoides, Moule & Polyzoides.



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\$4 Billion-Plus in New Development Planned Around Metro Rail

- Rail~Volution conference participants will tour development sites

(Sept. 17, 2004) Developers and their partners are investing more than \$4 billion in at least 30 new development projects around Metro stations throughout Los Angeles County, according to an informal survey conducted by Metro.

The survey information, which was released during a Metro news conference, Friday, at the Metro Gold Line's Del Mar station, underscored the five-day national Rail~Volution conference that begins this weekend at the Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood.

Rail~Volution will showcase Southern California's efforts to redesign itself to build communities around modern, efficient public transportation systems. Transit advocates from around the country are scheduled to attend the 10th annual conference.

The 30 new transit-oriented projects, all in various development stages, are located in downtown Los Angeles, Chinatown, Long Beach, North Hollywood, Lincoln Heights, Hollywood and Pasadena.

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Metro Hollywood Apartments is a major joint development project in Hollywood that provides affordable housing, commercial space and daycare facilities immediately adjacent to the Hollywood/Western Metro Red Line Station.

Groundswell of development

The projects indicate a groundswell of development activity that is helping to reshape the region's urban landscape. Rail~Volution participants will have the opportunity to tour the sites prior to the official opening of the conference on Monday.

"The Los Angeles region is reinventing itself to build better communities for residents who are now dealing with urban sprawl, traffic congestion, a housing shortage and reduced quality of life," said CEO Roger Snoble. "As the Metro system expands, more and more Angelenos will be able to live, work and play close to transit. What we're witnessing today is a growing trend in development around rail that can improve mobility, recreate communities and spur economic development."

More than \$1 billion has already been invested in developments around Metro stations, particularly the Metro Red Line, where new joint development has helped revitalize portions of downtown Los Angeles and Hollywood.

More development is planned around many Metro Gold Line Stations from downtown to Pasadena, and within the Transit Mall loop of the Metro Blue Line in Long Beach.

Notable examples are Del Mar Station and Mission Meridian Village in Pasadena, Sunset and Vine in Hollywood, and CityPlace in Long Beach.