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CEO Roger Snoble announces \$4 billion in transitinspired developments at recent press conference.

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Board Unanimously Extends Snoble's Contract One Year

By BILL HEARD, Editor

(Sept. 24, 2004) The Board of Directors voted unanimously, Thursday, to extend CEO Roger Snoble's four-year contract for a fifth year. His contract will now expire Sept. 30, 2006.

The Board's action came a full year before the CEO's initial contract would have expired. Snoble, 59, joined Metro on Oct. 1, 2001, succeeding CEO Julian Burke. He had previously served as president/executive director of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit District (DART).

"The Board's action is a strong vote of confidence in Roger's leadership," said Chairman Frank Roberts. "In his three years as CEO of MTA, we have opened a major new rail line, added new Metro Rapid lines in our busiest transit corridors and brought hundreds of new high-tech buses into the Metro fleet."

"We look forward to another two years of progress as MTA begins construction of a new rail line in East Los Angeles, opens a new transitway in the San Fernando Valley and continues to expand our transit system and improve customer service and transportation alternatives throughout Los Angeles County," he added.

Major safety campaign

In addition to the accomplishments cited by Roberts, Snoble also initiated a major employee safety campaign – Safety's First – and spearheaded a reorganization of Metro Operations that created five bus service sectors and a rail sector led by general managers who are directly responsible for their operation.

"I feel really good about the last three years," Snoble said late Thursday. "Our team has come together and worked hard. We've accomplished a lot. We now have a couple of years to do even more good."

Noting that transit executives from other properties have recently complimented the service and cleanliness of the Metro fleet, Snoble said, "We need to keep that going, keep working at the goals we've established to provide quality bus and rail service."

"The Board's action today really helps us accelerate projects that were put on hold for a while," he said. "There's an awful lot of work that has to be done to increase people's mobility."

Thanked Metro employees

The CEO also thanked Metro employees for their hard work. "The staff's been wonderful, all 10,000 of them," he said. "They responded in a very professional way. The Board's action today reflects on their hard work."

Snoble's career in public transportation spans 39 years. Prior to joining DART he served as president and general manager of the San Diego Transit Corporation, where he worked for 20 years, rising in the ranks from planning and scheduling manager to the top executive post. Snoble began his transportation career in 1965 as a planner for the TriCounty Regional Planning Commission in Akron. He also worked as a planner for Akron Metro Transit District from 1971-1973.

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