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## Metro's Victoria Joins Transit Study Mission in South America

By SHANTAY IOSIA

(Oct. 29, 2004) Metro's Milo Victoria is among a select group of U.S. transit executives who are currently traveling through South America to study innovations in contemporary transportation.

The 12-member team met in Miami, Oct. 21, for a briefing and to receive their individual assignments.

The mission, "Innovations in Rail and Bus Transit," will take the team to Sao Paulo, Brasilia and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Santiago, Chile; and Quito, Ecuador before returning to the United States on Nov. 5.

The Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) sponsors the biennial studies, which are funded through the Federal Transportation Administration. This year, the countries were selected for their ability to contribute to modern mass transportation.

The research team was selected from applications submitted from transit organizations nationwide.

### 'Very fortunate'

"There were numerous entries and I'm very fortunate to have been selected," says Victoria, deputy executive officer, Maintenance and Rebuild, a 28-year Metro veteran.

Victoria has been warned by his predecessors to be prepared for a grueling schedule. He will be living out of his suitcase. He will spend no more than a couple of nights in one place and he expects to work very long days.

"We will be going non-stop," said Victoria, as he prepared to leave on the mission. "I'm really looking forward to it."

He is excited about studying the selected countries and hopes to learn from their challenges to improve transportation in the U.S.

A comprehensive report of the study will be accessible soon after the group has completed its the study on [www.tcrponline.org](http://www.tcrponline.org).

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Milo Victoria is one of 12 team members chosen to conduct transportation research throughout South America. He is one of three chosen from California, the remaining nine were chosen from metro cities on the East Coast.

