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## LAUSD Honors Metro for Kids' Safety Summit Participation

(Jan. 20, 2005) The Los Angeles Unified School District's Board of Directors has honored Metro for its participation in last December's Kids' Safety Summit.



Rail Safety Program Manager Barbara Burns accepted a LAUSD certificate of appreciation for her team.

Rail Safety Program Manager Barbara Burns accepted a certificate on behalf of her team, which hosted the summit and which has produced a light rail safety program now being used throughout the LAUSD system.

"We spent the past year building a strong relationship with LAUSD so that our rail safety program can be taught in the classroom," says Burns. The program is expected to reach more than 1 million children every year.

Metro's rail safety public service announcements also are shown on the school district's educational channel 58. Burns hopes to have a rail safety link soon on the LAUSD Internet web site.

During the past year, Metro's rail safety team – which includes Community Relations Officer Carlos Valdes and Office Assistant Jennifer Mendoza – developed an interactive training video for LAUSD and trained the district's safety officers and others from the School Safe Traffic Zone Program.

Some 300 teachers and school administrators attended last December's safety summit. In addition to Metro's national award-winning rail safety presentation, they also heard presentations on pedestrian, traffic and bicycle safety, fire safety and neighborhood watch programs.

Speakers included representatives from LAPD, LADOT, the Automobile Club of Southern California and a number of local safety organizations.