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U.S. Rep. Diane Watson was among congressional leaders CEO Roger Snoble met with during his visit, earlier this week, to Washington, D.C. *Photo by Raffi Hamparian*



CEO Visits U.S. Capitol To Discuss Metro Appropriations

- Busy schedule includes round of congressional meetings

By RAFFI HAMPARIAN

(Feb. 11, 2005) CEO Roger Snoble held his annual Capitol Hill Legislative Briefing, Feb. 8, for congressional aides working for members of the Los Angeles County congressional delegation.

Aides from the congressional offices of David Dreier, Grace Napolitano, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Adam Schiff, Maxine Waters, Diane Watson and Henry Waxman, were among those who participated.

Later in the day, Snoble met with Representatives Xavier Becerra and Diane Watson. He also met with senior aides for Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and with senior aides for Senators Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) and Patty Murray (D-Wa.).

At these meetings, the CEO advocated appropriating \$80 million for the Metro Gold Line's Eastside extension this fiscal year, earmarking \$10 million for Metro's bus and bus facilities, and \$5 million for Intelligent Transportation Systems funding.

Met FTA administrator

During his visit to the nation's capital, Snoble also met with Federal Transit Administration Administrator Jenna Dorn.

During that meeting the two discussed the planned Exposition Light

Rail Line. Snoble provided an update on the construction of the Eastside Line.

He also addressed a number of Metro's major priorities with respect to the Transportation Reauthorization Bill now pending before the 109th Congress.

All the legislative items Snoble mentioned during his visit to Washington are detailed in the Federal Legislative Program passed unanimously by Metro's Board of Directors, Dec. 13, 2004.

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