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Metro Bus Operator Eric Smith welcomes aboard a "Seniors on the Move" participant during a tour in San Pedro.



South Bay Sector Helps Seniors Find Their Way on Metro

By RICH MORALLO

(March 9, 2005) Korean War veteran and senior citizen Don Harmon already knows how to use public transportation. "I take Metro Line 42 and then either Line 96, 91 or 92 to get from San Pedro to the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Long Beach."

Nonetheless, Harmon showed up at the recent "Seniors on the Move" transit workshop held at the Anderson Memorial Center in San Pedro.

"I heard that Metro was processing fare media and stickers for senior bus passes," the 10-year resident of San Pedro said.

Harmon and 120 other senior citizens participated in the four-hour program that included a welcome by Supervisor Don Knabe, followed by briefings and displays on transit procedures and programs.

'Shown what to do'

"The seniors were shown what to do and how to do it when using Metro Bus, Metro Rail or other transit services," said Jovanne Napaleton, a recreational assistant at the center.

The participants were split into two groups. While one group sat



Supervisor Don Knabe greets South Bay resident Lutgardo Lopez during a "Seniors on the Move" transit workshop.

through transit videos and presentations, and applied for bus passes, the other group boarded Metro Rapid buses to travel to the Metro Blue Line. The workshop topics presented at the center included transit options, safety tips and trip planning.

Lutgardo Lopez, in his motorized wheelchair, found himself busy that morning at the workshops. After sitting in on some presentations he posed for a picture with Knabe.

Then, Lopez motored toward a waiting Metro bus, used the lift at the door to enter the bus, and looked forward to seeing how bus lines connect to Metro Rail lines in Los Angeles.

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