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Randy Horton, seated left, and Kim Horton answer questions and distribute Metro information to Abilities Expo visitors. They were assisted during their shift by Kevin Dixon, standing rear.

Metro's Accessibility Advisory Committee Staffs Booth at Expo

(June 8, 2005) Metro's Accessibility Advisory Committee staffed an information booth at last weekend's Abilities Expo at the Anaheim Convention Center – an event that drew some 7,000 disabled persons from around California.

"Metro attends the event so we can answer questions from our customers with disabilities and provide current information on the accessibility of our services," said Chip Hazen, ADA compliance administrator.

"Many of the visitors did not know that all of Metro's buses are accessible and very few of the visitors with disabilities knew that our trains have level boarding platforms," he added.

Many visitors from outside of Los Angeles County wanted to know how to get around in LA when they come downtown for business or personal reasons.

Discussed Metro accessibility

Members of the Accessibility



Elinor Gibbs, first vice-chair of the AAC, and Kevin Dixon of the Oldtimers Foundation helped staff the Metro booth during the Abilities Expo at the Anaheim Convention Center.

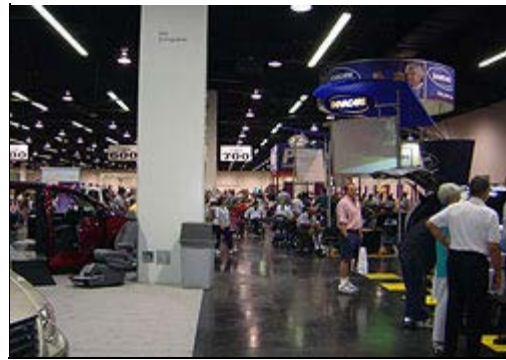
Advisory Committee (AAC) staffed the booth along with Hazen, handed out information and discussed the accessibility of Metro's bus and rail fleet during the three-day event.

Metro also shared the booth with Access Services

Incorporated, the federally required ADA Paratransit Service for LA County.

The six ACC members who staffed the booth were Kevin Dixon, representing the Oldtimers Foundation from the City of Huntington Park; Randy Horton, a patron; Kim Horton, representing LA Valley College Disabled Student Program & Services.

Also, Elinor Gibbs, Executive Director of the Clinic for Neuromuscular Disorders; Ray Louis McKeever, representing the Self Help for Hard of Hearing; and Ron Chappell, representing the San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center.



From accessible vehicles to magazines, the Abilities Expo provided information on accessible services for visitors throughout Southern California.