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Exposition Line Board Names Rick Thorpe Permanent CEO

(Feb. 9, 2006) The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board selected Metro Construction Chief Rick Thorpe as the Authority's permanent chief executive officer during its Feb. 2 meeting at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

As CEO, Thorpe will provide direct management oversight during construction of the Expo Line and will oversee preparation of specifications, bid processes and contract awards, and monitor construction contracts, procurement, consulting and project management services.



Rick Thorpe

Thorpe joined Metro in November 2003. Previously, he had served as CEO of the Pasadena Blue Line Construction Authority and, before that, as program manager for the first segment of Salt Lake City's 19.6-mile TRAX light rail system. Earlier, he was responsible for building six segments of the San Diego Trolley network.

The Board authorized Thorpe to negotiate and submit for approval a design-build contract with FCI/Fluor/Parsons, the top-ranked firm bidding on the design/build contract for the Expo Line.

If no agreement can be reached, the CEO was authorized to negotiate with the second-ranked firm, Mid-City Constructors JV. If that negotiation also fails, the CEO was directed to terminate negotiations and propose procurement alternatives to the Board.

Finally, the Expo Board adopted a resolution directing the CEO to file an application for State Disability Insurance with the California Employment Development Department. Once the application is approved by the Department, employee contributions can be made to the State Disability Insurance fund.