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**Mark Your Calendars for 2006 Metro Bus Rodeo** > The 2006 Metro Bus Rodeo, hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Service Sector, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Santa Anita. Preliminary qualifying events are scheduled Sept. 13 – 16. The next APTA International Bus Rodeo will be held in Nashville in early 2007.

## Metro Bus Rodeo Team Placed 6th, Overall, at APTA Finals



Metro's Bus Rodeo team, from left are coach Steve Mulally; Arthur Winston Division 5 mechanics Andrew Warren Jr., Rommel Vargas and Frank Forde; Division 1 Operator Sam Morales; and coach Frank Cecere.

(May 3, 2006) Metro's Bus Rodeo team placed sixth, overall, at the 2006 APTA International Bus Rodeo held April 30 during the organization's annual Bus Conference in Anaheim.

Taking first place was AC Transit of Oakland. Delaware Transit Services of Wilmington, Del., placed second and Oahu Transit Services of Honolulu took third.

San Mateo County Transit District placed fourth and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) was fifth.

In the maintenance event, Arthur Winston Division 5 mechanics Andrew Warren Jr., Rommel Vargas and Frank Forde scored 1,075 points to secure seventh place among the 40 competing transit agency maintenance teams.

The State of Florida's LYNX team placed first with 1,225 points; Orange County Transportation Authority of Anaheim was second with 1,147.5 points; and Coast Mountain Bus Company of Vancouver, B.C. scored 1,125 points for third place.

Taking fourth, fifth and sixth place, respectively, were Sacramento Regional Transit District, San Mateo County Transit District and AC Transit of Oakland.

In the competition for operators of 40-foot buses, Division 1 Operator Sam Morales scored 567 points to place 14th among 63 competitors.

The top operator, scoring 610 points, was Matt Chomjak of Snohomish County Community Transit of Everett, Wash. Second place, with 609 points, was Rendol Whidden of Broward County Transit of Pompano Beach, Fla. Jesse De La Cruz of AC Transit placed third with 606 points.

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