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APTA President William Millar, third from left, toured the Metro Orange Line with Metro Construction Chief Rick Thorpe, Project Manager Roger Dames and CEO Roger Snoble.



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APTA President is Impressed with Metro Orange Line, Metro Rapid

(May 12, 2006) William Millar, president of the American Public Transportation Association, believes more Bus Rapid Transit systems like the Metro Orange Line and Metro Rapid will be built in other cities around the nation.

Millar toured the Metro Orange Line, May 4, at the invitation of CEO Roger Snoble. Accompanying them were Metro Construction Chief Rick Thorpe and Roger Dames, Orange Line construction project manager.

"I'm very impressed with what I see," said Millar. "The quality of design of the system, its simplicity, the beauty of the stations and the ease of fare collection – it looks like a very fine operation to me."

Millar said Bus Rapid Transit programs like the Metro Orange Line and the Metro Rapid lines are having an impact on mass transit.

"People like the speed, they like the



APTA's William Millar, far right, commented on the "quality of design" and the "beauty of the stations" during a stop at the Orange Line's Van Nuys station.

convenience and, in city after city as they improve the bus service, they see more people using it," he said. "Obviously, people value this service."

Construction Project Manager Roger Dames, third from left, points out the sound walls and landscaping along the Metro Orange Line to APTA's William Millar. With them are CEO Roger Snoble and Construction Chief Rick Thorpe.

