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Metro Wins 4 TRANNY Awards for Transit Excellence

By KIM UPTON

(June 15, 2006) Metro has earned four California Transportation Foundation (CTF) TRANNY awards – two for the Metro Orange Line, one for the Intelligent Transportation System for Bus Transit and another for Mission Meridian Village, a transit oriented development in South Pasadena.

The annual awards, which recognize innovative transit projects, were announced, June 7, at the 17th Annual TRANNY Awards luncheon in Sacramento.

The Metro Orange Line won both Project of the Year and Transit Project of the Year.

"This is further proof of the success of the Metro Orange Line," said Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky. "We are delighted with the award but we are even more gratified by what it stands for."

"The people of Los Angeles have an easier way to get where they need to go and an alternative to ridiculously high gas prices," he added. "The timing couldn't be better."

The CTF recognized Metro, LADOT, Gruen Associates, Shimmick Construction Co./Obayashi Corporation and Washington Group International for their involvement with the Orange Line project.

The CTF also gave Metro's Intelligent Transportation System for Bus Transit, the signal priority system set up for Metro Rapid, an award as Transit Management Program of the Year. The recognition included the City of Inglewood, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and Parsons Brinckerhoff Farradyne.

The Mission Meridian Village transit oriented development won the Program Special Recognition award. Metro's partners in the Mission Meridian Village project included the California Transportation Commission, City of South Pasadena, Creative Housing Associates and Lambert Development.

The CTF is a non-profit public benefit corporation dedicated to the promotion and recognition of excellence in California transportation. Awards were decided by a jury that included experts from the public and private sectors.

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