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Metro Selected for Salute America's July 4 'Top Ten' Awards



(July 6, 2006) Los Angeles City Councilman Jose Huizar, left, presented a Salute America "Top Ten" award to Metro as "The Best Transportation System in America." Receiving the award on behalf of Metro during the July 4 festivities was Mark Maloney, interim general manager of the Westside/Central Service Sector. Other Top Ten awards were presented to the LAPD, the Los Angeles Fire Department, *La Opinion*, the Chivas USA soccer team and the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, among others. The Sheriff's Department received a service award for "protecting and serving the Greater Los Angeles area."



A gaily decorated bandstand at the El Pueblo Historical Monument on Olvera Street was the center of Salute America's annual July 4th festival. The multicultural event included the re-enactment of the 1847 flag-raising by participants in period costumes. There also were demonstrations by blacksmiths and potters and a day-long series of live entertainment, food booths and children's activities, ending with a fireworks display.



Metro fare inspectors help staff a Metro booth during the Salute America July 4th festival on Olvera Street. The event celebrated the city's first Independence Day and saluted Los Angeles as the "Creative Capital of the World."