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Metro Project Manager Tim Lindholm of Facilities-Operations signs the new transportation building steel with, from left, Division 9 Transportation Manager Mike Greenwood, Maintenance Manager John McBryan and General Manager Jack Gabig of the San Gabriel Valley Service Sector.



## San Gabriel Valley Sector Celebrates 'Topping Out' of New Transportation Building

By BILL HEARD, Editor

(Aug. 23, 2006) Gripping bright yellow markers, officials from the San Gabriel Valley Service Sector lined up, Tuesday, to autograph the steel skeleton of a three-story building now under construction at Division 9.

The celebration, attended by members of the Metro project team, Metro safety officials, San Gabriel Valley Governance Council members and representatives of W.E. O'Neill Contractors, marked the "topping out" of the framework of the 45,515-square foot structure.

When it opens in spring 2007, the building will include space on the first and second floors for Division 9 transportation offices and bus operators, as well as a Sheriff's Transit Services Bureau field office, and the sector administrative offices on the third floor. The \$11.8 million building will permit a 50 percent growth in Division 9 operations.

Photos by Bill Heard

"I am delighted to see the steady progress of the new building," said General Manager Jack Gabig. "The

operators at Division 9 need this new building, and this milestone of steel shows us that we are well on our way to completion. We are grateful to the Metro project team for all of their continued hard work."

**An overall upgrade**

Gabig noted that the new building is part of an overall upgrade that began with renovations of the adjacent El Monte Transit Center, completed in 2005. Other plans now in the works include joint development with housing, retail, a hotel and office space on property surrounding the transit center.

Division 9's new transportation building has been designed to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver designation.

"It's all about conservation and sustainability," said Tim Lindholm, Metro project manager. "It's a method of designing and constructing buildings to ensure energy efficiency, water conservation and recycling. It's from the way you design the building, to the materials you pick to make a 'smart building' that's healthy for the people who occupy it."



Sheriff's Deputy Gary DeBondt signs his name on the reverse of steel staircase during the "topping out" celebration.



At the conclusion of the "topping out" celebration for the new Division 9 transportation building, San Gabriel Valley General Manager Jack Gabig, center right, is joined by, from left, Governance Council member Harry Baldwin, Transportation Manager Mike Greenwood, Project Manager Tim Lindholm, Administrative Analyst Jill Smith,

Maintenance Manager John McBryan, Governance Council member Bruce Heard, Metro staff members, Sheriff’s Transit Services Bureau deputies and representatives of W.E. O’Neill Contractors.

Facilities-Operations is managing construction of the Division 9 building in collaboration with Construction Management, Procurement, ITS, Creative Services and the San Gabriel Valley sector staff.