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## Board of Directors Extends CEO Snoble's Contract for Two Years

- Presided over a period of agency change and expansion
- Credits employees for Board's confidence in him

By BILL HEARD, Editor

(Sept. 28, 2006) The Board today signed a contract with CEO Roger Snoble that will extend his term of office by two years to October 2008.



CEO Roger Snoble

In making the announcement, Board Chair Gloria Molina congratulated Snoble, saying, "He'll be with us for another two years to continue the good work and all that he has been doing. We're very proud to be a part of that contract (which) was all signed and sealed this morning."

Snoble, who was hired as Metro's chief executive officer in 2001, will begin his sixth year with the agency on Oct. 1. He succeeded Julian Burke, who served as CEO for four years beginning in August 1997.

Looking forward to the next two years, Snoble told myMetro.net, "We have a lot on our plate. The construction of the Eastside Extension is going very well and will be a big improvement in our transit system. We're continuing to work on expanding the Rapid Bus system to 28 routes – a very ambitious program."

"We're also working to continually improve the quality of the bus service," he added. "Then, there's all of our highway initiatives. So, there's plenty on our plate."

## Gives employees the credit

The CEO credited Metro employees with the confidence the Board has placed in his leadership.

"Nothing happens without our employees, without their hands and minds and hearts going into everything we do," he said. "It simply wouldn't happen without our nearly 10,000 employees. They deserve all the credit because they're the ones who are doing all the extraordinary work."

Snoble, 61, has presided over the agency during a period of change and expansion. Transit Operations, for example, was reorganized into five service sectors, each with a general manager and a Sector Governance Council.

The Metro Connections program, which will represent a major realignment of Metro's bus service and a greater involvement with

municipal transit agencies, is nearing implementation. The Universal Fare System's TAP program also has begun a phased implementation.

Under his leadership, the Metro Rapid program has grown exponentially; articulated buses and other high-capacity coaches have been added to the fleet; and two express bus lines have been initiated. These and other service improvements have resulted in a marked increase in ridership.

**Rail line construction**

During Snoble's tenure, Metro opened the Metro Gold Line and the Metro Orange Line and began construction on the Eastside Extension. On Friday, the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority will break ground on an 8.5-mile light rail line from downtown LA to Culver City.

New, high-tech trains have been purchased and will soon be joining the Metro Rail fleet. The Safety's 1st program also has proven successful, reducing lost-time injuries and lowering Worker's Compensation costs dramatically.

The agency's rideshare programs are paying off both by attracting new transit riders and by encouraging car- and vanpooling. Increased interest in transit also has fostered a number of "transit village" and transit-oriented developments – finished, under construction or in the planning stages – at a number of locations throughout the area.

Perhaps capping off his first five years in office, Metro will receive the Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement Award at the APTA annual meeting, Oct. 10, in San Jose.

Reflecting on the APTA award In a recent CEO UpDate column, Snoble wrote, "Whether you drive a bus or train, clean or maintain our vehicles' whether you're involved in planning, construction, operations, procurement, communications, customer relations or staff support – it was your individual contribution that helped bring us this great honor."