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From left, Transportation Manager Gary Spivack, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Los Angeles City Councilman Dennis Zine and Los Angeles City Councilwoman Wendy Greul at new Canoga Station.



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New Canoga Station, Park/Ride Lot Open on Metro Orange Line

- Transitway extended one-third mile to Canoga Park



CEO Roger Snoble: "This new station will make it even more attractive for people to choose the convenience of Metro Liner buses..."

By DAVE SOTERO

(Dec. 27, 2006) Officials celebrated the official opening, Wednesday, of the new Metro Orange Line Canoga station and park/ride facility in Canoga Park that now provides much needed parking for West Valley transit commuters.

The project is a one-third mile extension from Variel Avenue to Canoga Avenue, and includes a full-featured station with artwork, 611 free park/ride spaces, pedestrian and bicycle paths and landscaping.

"The opening of this new station is our holiday gift for Valley commuters," said Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky. "Canoga Station now provides more West Valley commuters with a viable alternative to the congested Ventura Freeway. This station will be the launch point for future extensions that will make this transit line even better."

Canoga station is the 14th station on the cross-Valley transitway. The

station has convenient entrances from Canoga Avenue and Vanowen Street. It is the sixth park/ride lot on the line.

"The Metro Orange Line has proven to be one of our most popular transit services, and this new station will make it even more attractive for people to choose the convenience of Metro Liner buses over driving in the Valley," said CEO Roger Snoble.

Including the 6.5-acre Canoga station, extension of the transitway and extension of the multi-use bike and pedestrian path, the project budget totaled \$26 million.

The Canoga station will also be the launch point for future transitway extensions now under review by Metro. In September 2006, the Board gave the go-ahead for environmental clearances and preliminary engineering for a six-mile extension of the service from the Canoga station north to the MetroLink station in Chatsworth.

Consultant proposals to perform this work were received on Dec. 21, 2006 and are now being evaluated.

The Canoga station's design includes terrazo paving areas and art panels entitled "Constructed Histories" by artist Roy Dowell.

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