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Touring the first of the 2550 production cars were, from left, Metro's Bruce Feerer, Ed Velasquez, Lonnie Mitchell and Gerald Francis; AnsaldoBreda President Giancarlo Fantappie; Metro CEO Roger Snoble and Dave Kubicek; AnsaldoBreda CEO Roberto Assereto; Metro's Larry Kelsey and Suresh Shrivastava. Photo by Wilbur Babb.



Fitted out in its new design scheme, the first of the 2550 production cars is being tested on

the Metro Gold Line. Design Studio Photo by Jeremy Eichenbaum.

Metro Officials Welcome AnsaldoBreda 2550 Rail Production Car

(Feb. 14, 2007) Metro officials welcomed the first “production car” of the 2550 light-rail fleet during a meeting, Monday, with top executives of AnsaldoBreda, the Italian manufacturing company.

Photo by Wilbur Babb



CEO Roger Snoble at the controls.

The new cars, which will be introduced into service later this year, is vital to Metro’s rail system as the replacement “standard” car for some of aging cars of the existing fleet, officials noted. The adaptable 2550 can be used on all light-rail lines.

Metro has ordered 50 of the 90-foot-long vehicles, each weighing a trim 54 tons. The 2550 contract includes two 50-car options for the procurement of additional rail cars. The last of the 50 cars from the current

order will reach Rail Operations in 2008.

Metro has been testing a 2550 prototype vehicle since it was flown to Los Angeles in June 2005.