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Crowd cheers Metro Board First Vice Chair Pam O'Connor and Metro staffers at the annual Christopher Street West Parade.



Crowds Cheer Director O'Connor, Metro at Christopher Street West Parade

By JODY LITVAK

(June 14, 2007) Metro Board First Vice Chair Pam O'Connor, along with Metro staffers and a specially decorated Metro bus were cheered by a crowd of approximately 300,000 at the annual Christopher Street West Parade, June 10.

The parade capped off the weekend-long Christopher Street West Pride Festival in West Hollywood, home to West Hollywood Division 7.

"I'm thrilled to represent Metro," said Director O'Connor. "This community has provided a home to Metro for a long time and the parade is a great opportunity for us to be a good neighbor."

Accompanying O'Connor were about two dozen Metro staff, family and friends who waved to the crowds, handed out souvenirs and carried a banner with the message "Go Together." The image and message were repeated on king ads on the side of the bus.

The king ad artwork and the message were created by Neil Sadler in the Metro Design Studio and were designed to match the parade theme.

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Board Member Pam O'Connor and Metro Rapid wowed WeHo.



Involved since 1970

Metro has been involved in the festival since its inception in 1970 and has had a bus in the parade longer than anyone can remember.

The 60-foot articulated bus also gave the crowd a preview of the new Santa Monica Boulevard Rapid Bus Line 704 due to start-up later this month.

"This is a real positive for us," commented O'Connor. "It demonstrates our commitment to serve all the communities of Greater Los Angeles." She also commended Division 7 operator Alan Weddle who kept the crowd cheering with the bus horn.

Since the parade passes right in front of Division 7, several division employees came out front to cheer Weddle and their other Metro colleagues.

Even more people saw the parade, since it was broadcast on cable TV and is available by streaming video on the Internet.

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