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Metro Wins Architecture Award for 'Innovative' Orange Line



Orange Line project manager Roger Dames

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(June 26, 2007) The Metro Orange Line debuted 20 months ago, but it is still receiving awards, this time for its architectural innovations.

At an award ceremony June 21, Roger Dames, Orange Line project manager, accepted an award from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) on behalf of Metro. The AIA Los Angeles chapter presented the

Orange Line its Presidential Honor 2007 for transportation.

The award cited Dames for supporting "creation of innovative transportation incentives in Los Angeles."

"This particular award from the American Institute of Architects recognized the functionality of the project as part of the urban fabric and also the beauty of the stations and how it fits into the community and the landscaping," Dames said. "Not only is it functional in an engineering sense, but something that can be appreciated by architects," Dames said.

Four other members of the Orange Line project team also attended: Aspet Davidian, director, project engineering; Mark Van Gessel, construction manager; Hitesh Patel, director, construction management; and Kathleen Sanchez, transportation planning manager.

"I think it was unique in that almost everything else being recognized was an individual building and this was an entire system of things spread out over 14 miles and . . . fits into a variety of places in the community," Dames said.

