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Division 9 “Green” Building Given Project Achievement Award

- The Los Angeles Council of Engineers and Scientists acknowledged Orange Line in 2006.

By JIMMY STROUP

(Feb. 28, 2008) Metro’s environmentally-friendly transportation building at San Gabriel Valley Division 9 was given the Project Achievement award by the Los Angeles Council of Engineers and Scientists (LACES), Feb. 22.

This is the second time since 2006 that LACES has acknowledged Metro’s work in engineering and design.

Project Manager Tim Lindholm said the award is indicative of what can happen when the design-build concept is used to its best purposes. The award was presented at the LACES banquet at the John C. Argue Swim Stadium near Exposition Park.

“When we applied for the award, we focused on the fact that it was a very small footprint for the amount of stuff we had to fit into the building,” Lindholm said. “That it was complicated, but also architecturally pleasing and green.”

The yearly LACES banquet awards buildings and construction efforts in LA County that exemplify engineering achievement. Metro was one of 10 Project Achievement award recipients for 2007. The award didn’t come with a cash prize, but does give the agency bragging rights.

“We get satisfaction. And a plaque,” said Lindholm, with a little smile. “The plaque will be hung in the Division 9 building alongside the future, as yet unrewarded award plaques this project will be given later.”