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The 22-Story Solair Building at Wilshire/Western Metro Purple Line Station takes mid-Wilshire skyline to new heights. Topping-off ceremony was held March 3.



Photos by Gary Leonard

## Joint Development High Rise Reaches Tall Milestone

Mid-Wilshire project at Wilshire/Western Purple Line station



Los Angeles City Councilman Herb Wesson, foreground center, Metro Board Member Yvonne Burke, center in blue suit, and, behind her, Metro Property Management Chief Roger Moliere, join Koar Development Group officials in topping off ceremony where construction crews hoisted a potted tree onto the 22-story high roof

(March 13, 2008) In a 22-story symbol of its commitment to transit-oriented development, Metro joined with the KOAR Development Group, March 10, to celebrate a major construction milestone for the Solair joint development at the Wilshire/Western Metro Purple Line Station.

The event celebrated the highest structural element of the Mid-Wilshire high-rise being swung into place. The glass-wrapped tower will offer 186 cosmopolitan residences and penthouses, accompanied by a resort-style pool deck and many resident amenities.

At street level, Solair will create a new destination on Wilshire with a





40,000 square-foot specialty retail plaza. Spanning Wilshire and Western, the two-story plaza will provide a high-end shopping and dining experience, including space for restaurants, boutiques, cafés and services.

All of this is integrated with the Wilshire and Western Metro Purple Line station, providing direct access to the underground subway system for convenient Metro Rail transportation throughout the county.

Solair is one of the latest developments within Metro's joint development program, which seeks to provide the most appropriate private and/or public sector development on Metro-owned property at, and adjacent to, transit stations and corridors.

The program, which also seeks to help reduce auto use and congestion by encouraging transit-linked development, has involved more than \$1.4 billion in joint development projects throughout Los Angeles County.

Solair is expected to complete construction at the end of 2008.

--From Dave Sotero

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