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Three Million Accident-Free Work Hours! Board Lauds Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Construction Safety Milestone



Pictured with construction crew members able to attend the May 22 Board meeting are, from left, K.N. Murthy, Metro Deputy Chief Capital Management Officer; Eastside LRT Constructors Tomo Hosokawa, Underground Engineering Manager; and LRT Deputy Project Director Carl Sandstedt; CEO Roger Snoble; Director Richard Katz; Director Gloria Molina; Chief Capital Management Officer Rick Thorpe; LRT Project Director Mike Aparicio; Metro Project Director Dennis Mori, and James Brown, Metro Director of Construction Safety. Construction Safety Engineer Javier Lora, also honored, is in the back row, center. *Photo by Gary Leonard*

(May 22, 2008) It's 3 million work hours without an accident for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension project contractor, Eastside LRT Constructors -- a safety milestone that ranks high in construction annals. Since construction began in July 2004, the work crew has tallied 1,415 work days without an accident requiring a single day of missed work. To celebrate the milestone, CEO Roger Snoble invited the construction team to the Board meeting today, where Board Member Gloria Molina and Board Member Richard Katz heartily lauded the effort, presenting commendations on behalf of the Metro Board of Directors and the City of Los Angeles.

Construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension light rail project is more than 80 percent complete. The project is on budget and scheduled to open on time in mid-2009.

The Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension, which will feature eight stations (two underground), will span six miles from Union Station in downtown Los Angeles via the Arts District/Little Tokyo and Boyle Heights to Atlantic/Pomona Boulevards in East Los Angeles.