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U.S. Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano congratulates Metro's Bicycle Planning Manager Lynne Goldsmith at dedication of the Whittier Greenway Bike Trail Feb. 1.

Photos by Jennifer Gill

Metro Funds L.A. County's Newest Bike Trail

- Metro Cycling Club Joins Dedication of the Whittier Greenway Bike Trail

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(Feb. 3, 2009) Metro's Bicycle Club joined Bike Planning Manager Lynne Goldsmith Saturday in dedicating the Whittier Greenway Bike Trail, L.A. County's newest bicycle and pedestrian trail.

The four-and-a-half mile trail is the result of years of planning and collaboration among local, state and federal agencies, and is considered to be one of the best bikeway projects now within county limits.

Through Metro's Call for Projects, the agency programmed \$9 million in bikeway funding over a three-year period for the project. The substantial project contribution funded the acquisition of right-of-way and construction of the bicycle and pedestrian path.

Project coordination was facilitated through Sharad Mulchand, transportation

Scenes from the Greenway



City of Whittier officials present resolution to Bicycle Planning Manager Lynne Goldsmith in recognition of Metro's contribution to the bicycle and pedestrian trail project.

planning manager for the Metro Gateway Cities Area Team.

“Metro is committed to helping cities throughout L.A. County develop new projects that will create more bicycle-friendly communities,” Goldsmith said at the dedication ceremony. “The Whittier Greenway Trail is a regionally significant project that provides bicycle access and mobility as well as access to transit stops in the area.”

Whittier can now boast multi-modal transportation opportunities for residents who want to commute through a combination of bicycles and transit.

Combined with nearby work sites, schools and other destinations, this project provides the community with an excellent alternative to driving, and connects directly with local and regional bus systems such as Metro, Norwalk Transit, Montebello Bus Lines and Foothill Transit.

Metro Bike Club Ride

Metro’s own Bicycle Club showed its support for the county’s newest bike path by joining the dedication and participating in the ensuing group ride.

“I was very impressed with the grandness of the project,” said Jennifer Gill, consultant for Metro’s Regional Communications Department and a Metro Bike Club Member. “From a biker’s perspective, the trail was beautiful. They had drought-resident vegetation that was very tastefully planned. The scenery was similar to that of the Orange Line. The trail (ran through) all different aspects, from industrial, residential and business. Everything was just really well done.”



Complete with landscaping and



covered bridges, the new greenway



is ready for serious cycling.