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Among the tributes honoring CEO Snoble at the Board meeting March 26 was a framed "YES on Measure R" poster presented by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. *Photos by Gary Leonard.*

CEO Snoble's last Metro Board meeting is first for two new Directors

(March 26, 2009) It was CEO Roger Snoble's last board meeting Thursday as two new Board members made their first appearances.

At a news conference held in the Patsaouras Plaza moments before the start of the March 26 Board meeting, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announced the appointment of Los Angeles City Councilman Jose Huizar and Department of Transportation General Manager Rita Robinson to the 13-member board of directors.

Huizar replaces Councilman Bernard Parks, who stepped down in January, and Robinson replaces former Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Chairman David Fleming, who resigned after the mayor appointed him to the Metropolitan Water District's board of directors.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announces the appointment of Los Angeles City Councilman Jose Huizar and Department of Transportation General Manager Rita Robinson to the Metro Board of Directors at a news conference held today.

CEO Snoble will introduce his successor at an all-staff meeting on April 6. The Board of Directors announced, March 5, the selection of Arthur T. Leahy, currently the head of Orange County Transportation Authority, to serve as Metro's chief executive.

Snoble, 63, announced his retirement in December after leading the transportation agency for seven and a half years. In his departure, he expressed a desire to have consistent leadership over the next few years as Measure R-funded projects get underway.

CEO Snoble played a key role in securing last fall's passage of Measure R, a new half-cent sales tax that will fund a comprehensive package of new rail and bus and street and highway improvements in the county over the next 30 years.

Included in the presentations honoring CEO Snoble at the Board meeting was a framed "YES on Measure R" poster. — *from Gayle Anderson*