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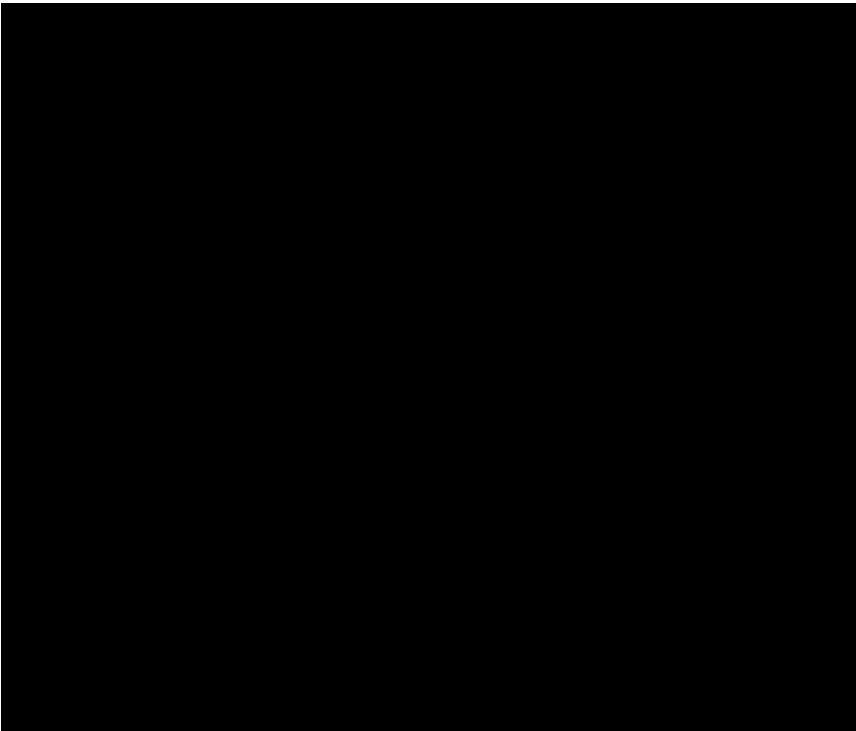
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Metro Staff, Volunteers Share Job Experiences at Career Fairs

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(April 1, 2010) “Stay in school, graduate and consider a successful career in transportation” was the message presented to scores of students at the March 26 Construction Career Awareness Expo at Southwest College in Los Angeles.

Keith Compton, Acting Diversity and Economic Opportunity Manager, accompanied by Metro staff and volunteers, helped spread the word about working in the transportation field at career fairs in Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach and Wilmington.

Compton worked the Metro tables at Southwest College, providing students with a busload of information and also gave them a tour of one of Metro’s 45-foot NABI bus.

Wayside Senior Administrative Analyst Renee Willis was thrilled to chat with one Southwest College student who told Willis she was related to a Metro employee and remembered attending a “Take Our Sons & Daughter’s to Work Day” at Metro nine years ago.

"Nalia said working for Metro is important as public transit is in high demand during these economic times," Willis said, sharing her experience.

Administrative Intern Ena Macias talked to students about her agency experience, and reminded them that Metro offers a wide variety of administrative positions, in addition to bus and rail careers.

Students took a moment to watch a video of Metro's impressive construction projects and many had plenty of questions for Metro Equipment Maintenance Instructor Andrew Warren, Contract Administration Manager Tommye Williams, Procurement Planning Administrator Sherri Jackson, Sr. Buyer Patricia Ingham, Executive Officer-Project Control & Admin. Brian Bourdreau and Administrative Interns Katie Talbert, Tahira Sadiqa and Dana Odruno.

Rail Transportation Operations Supervisor Lauro Trejo shared his experience telling students, "I took advantage of tuition assistance from OD&T, went to CSU-Dominguez Hills, and graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration."

Also participating in the career event were Jes Godinez, Assistant Manager Equipment Maintenance, Citizens' Advisory Council member Tony Banash, Rail Operator Arlene Mills and Bus Operator Cardell Stewart.

"It's important for us to attend career fairs in the community," said Senior Account Executive Ricky Walker, "We should position ourselves to be the choice of employment for brilliant minds in the future."

Forty companies participated in the event which was organized to serve various colleges, 30 high schools, and local residents.