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Metro's Citizens Advisory Council Honors Congressman Schiff with "Person of the Year" Award

Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA) received the 2004 "Person of the Year" award from Metro's Citizens Advisory Council (CAC). The first recipient of the honor, Congressman Schiff accepted the award at the CAC's general meeting this week.

"I am very grateful for this recognition," Schiff said. "Improving the ability of people to easily travel throughout the greater Los Angeles area is a top quality of life issue for me."

When serving in the California Senate, Schiff authored the legislation creating what is now the 13.7-mile Metro Rail Gold Line, serving commuters at 13 stations from Sierra Madre Villa in East Pasadena to Union Station in downtown Los Angeles – earning Schiff the nickname, "Father of the Gold Line." In Congress, Schiff has continued to focus on obtaining federal funding for the Gold Line and other mass transportation projects, and serves as a member of the House Commuter Caucus, the Livable Communities Task Force and the California TEA-21 Task Force.

The CAC was created during the merger of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission and the Southern California Rapid Transit District into the MTA. Its officers are: Jim Seal, Chair; Bill Latto, Vice Chair; and Roger Christensen, Secretary.

Congressman Schiff represents California's 29th Congressional District, including the communities of Alhambra, Altadena, Burbank, East Pasadena, East San Gabriel, Glendale, Monterey Park, Pasadena, San Gabriel, South Pasadena and Temple City.

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Person of the Year - U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA), right, was voted top honors by Metro's Citizens Advisory Board. CAC member Seymour M. Rosen, left, presented the award at CAC meeting May 26.



Pictured, from left, are CAC members Russ Davies, Peter Schick, Manoj Patel, Neil Bjournsen, Howard Sachar, CAC Vice-chairman Bill Latto, Seymour Rosen, CAC Secretary Roger Christensen, honoree Congressman Adam Schiff, CAC Chairman Jim Seal, and Michael Dickerson.