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Metro Wins Four Tranny Awards for Transit Excellence

Metro has earned four California Transportation Foundation (CTF) TRANNY awards -- two for the Metro Orange Line, one for Metro's Intelligent Transportation System for Bus Transit and another for Mission Meridian Village, a Transit Oriented Development in South Pasadena that Metro partnered in. The annual awards -- which recognize innovative transit projects -- were announced June 7 at the 17th Annual TRANNY Awards luncheon in Sacramento.

The Metro Orange Line -- the 14-mile transitway that opened last fall in the San Fernando Valley -- won both Project of the Year and Transit Project of the Year. The CTF recognized Metro, the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Gruen Associates, Shimmick Construction Co./Obayashi Corporation a Joint Venture and Washington Group International. This is the latest accolade for the Metro Orange Line, which recently reached 21,828 boardings in May, a milestone the Environmental Impact Report predicted wouldn't be reached until 2020.

"This is further proof of the success of the Metro Orange Line," said Zev Yaroslavsky, Metro Board Member and Los Angeles County Supervisor. "We are delighted with the award but we are even more gratified by what it stands for. The people of Los Angeles have an easier way to get where they need to go and an alternative to ridiculously high gas prices. The timing couldn't be better."

The CTF also awarded Metro's Intelligent Transportation System for Bus Transit an award for Transit Management Program of the Year. And the Mission Meridian Village transit oriented development won the Program Special Recognition award. In announcing the award for Metro's Intelligent Transportation System for Bus Transit project, the CTF recognized the City of Inglewood, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and Parson Brinckerhoff Farradyne, in addition to Metro. Metro's partners in the Mission Meridian Village project included the California Transportation Commission, City of South Pasadena, Creative Housing Associates and Lambert Development.

The CTF is a non-profit public benefit corporation dedicated to the promotion and recognition of excellence in California transportation. Awards were decided by a jury that included experts from the public and private sectors.

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