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East Los Angeles Honors Metro for construction of Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension



Metro CEO Roger Snoble accepted the Progress Award in recognition of the contribution made by the construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension to the progress of the community of East Los Angeles.

The Progress Award and certificates of recognition were presented from the offices of California State Assemblyman Ed Hernandez (AD-57) and California State Assemblyman Charles Calderon (AD-58), California State Senator Ron Calderon (SD-30) and U.S. Congresswoman Hilda Solis (CA-32) at the East Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce 20th Annual Board of Directors Installation Awards Dinner held Nov. 12 at Steven's Steak House in the City of Commerce.

Construction of the Metro Gold Line extension to East Los Angeles that began in July 2004 is 90 percent complete on budget. The grand opening is expected in the summer of 2009.

Installation of all rail tracks has been completed along with the tie-in to the Metro Gold Line to Pasadena. Installation of the irrigation system and landscaping also has begun along the easterly part of the rail alignment and will move from Atlantic and Pomona Boulevards to Indiana Street in East Los Angeles. It will be completed at First and Alameda Streets in Little Tokyo.

Pictured here are, from left, Captain Henry M. Romero, LASD, East Los Angeles Station; Captain Gregory Peck, CHP, East Los Angeles Station; Joe L. Sandoval, ELACOC; Metro CEO Roger Snoble; U.S. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34); Lissette Mendoza, Vice-President, ELACOC; Blanca Espinoza, President, ELACOC; John Santillan, ELACOC. Back row: California State Assemblyman Ed Hernandez (AD-57); Eddie Torres, past president, ELACOC.

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