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Annual Spring Green Expo Showcases L.A.'s Quest for Environmental Quality of Life

(June 10, 2010) Energy-wise applications and new ways to create a greener environment were the focus of the annual Spring Green Expo held June 10 on the grounds of the Metropolitan Water District.

Metro employees and volunteers staffed an information booth to continue to spread the news about the vital role transit has played in the quality of urban life.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa spoke at the morning session, setting the tone for a showcase of environmental companies exhibiting "green" products and services.

A number of interested attendees visited the Metro tables to learn about Metro's ridesharing program, the Freeway Service Patrol, and the "Go 511" service.

The new 511 free phone and web service provides traffic, transit and commuter service information in Southern California. Users can dial 511 on their cell phone or log in to go511.com for updates on traffic, trip planning, public transit, or connections with carpools or vanpools. The service debuts Monday, June 14.

--from Laura Kloth



Metro's Fe Alcid-Little asks a couple of visitors at the Metro table a quick question: "How do you get around?" And she's happy to hear that many already use transit and ride bikes.



MWD Engineer Frankie Lakoski takes a spin of the Metro wheel and learns more about the agency's transit programs.



Citizens Advisory Council Member Anthony Banash says getting out to tell people about Metro is one of his most important duties as a Council member. "If you don't get out into the community, how do you really know what's going on?" he says.



Estella Valenzuela and Priscilla Del Rio of SAFE (Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies) provide information on 511 and the Freeway Service Patrol.

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